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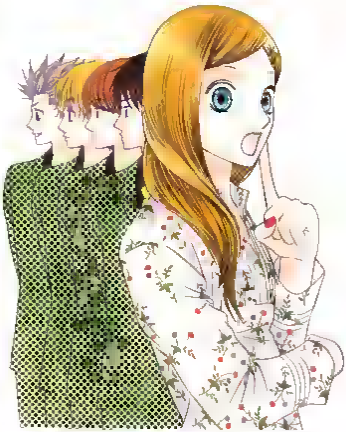
The seniors from the Home Ec- ub have successfully graduated and an enthusiastic Rao has been given the reins to it. However gst them lies the secret behind g the very popular (according to Senpai) Yo to join the club——?! e, Wataru falls in love at sight, and we get to see where ichiro's and Yume's love will lead The final volume ties up all the other's stories for you to read!

HAKUSENSHA



Summary

The seniors from the Home Ec club have successfully graduated!! Wataru-senpai who has always been a little temperamental is about to fall in love at first sight! However, what will happen to the obscure relationship between Sou-chan and Yuma?! Furthermore, the secret history behind the establishment of the Home Ec club will be made public in this volume, too! This is the sweet, sweet final volume that'll take that sweetness all the way to your heart.




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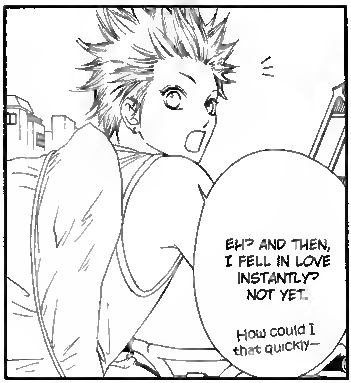
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Chapter 33




HE'S LIKE THE CLEAR BLUE SKIES—
WATARU! CAN YOU HELP DELIVER THESE TO TAKAI-SAN AT NICHOLME?! SHE DESPERATELY NEEDS THEM!
GOTCHA!
KOKONOE CLEANERS
—SO SUNNY THAT HE MAKES PEOPLE FEEL COMFORTABLE AROUND HIM—(DOES THAT IMPLY HE'S ALSO AS UNPREDICTABLE AS THE WEATHER?)
Sprinting— across the earth— of Tasmania—
BUT, HE'S ALSO A GOOD KID WHO'LL WILLINGLY HELP OUT WITH HIS FAMILY'S LAUNDROMAT.


SWISH
HM?!
02
THIS SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY, WHO GOES BY KOKONOE WATARU,
WILL BE PLUNGED INTO LOVE SHORTLY.
With a deafening voice
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?!
WHAT'S SHE DOING? DIVING? NO WAY, FROM THAT HEIGHT?
IS SHE ABOUT TO COMMIT SUICIDE THEN?
That's no little roadside stream of water.


EH? AND THEN, I FELL IN LOVE INSTANTLY? NOT YET.
How could I that quickly—


Phew
Thank goodness she gave up—

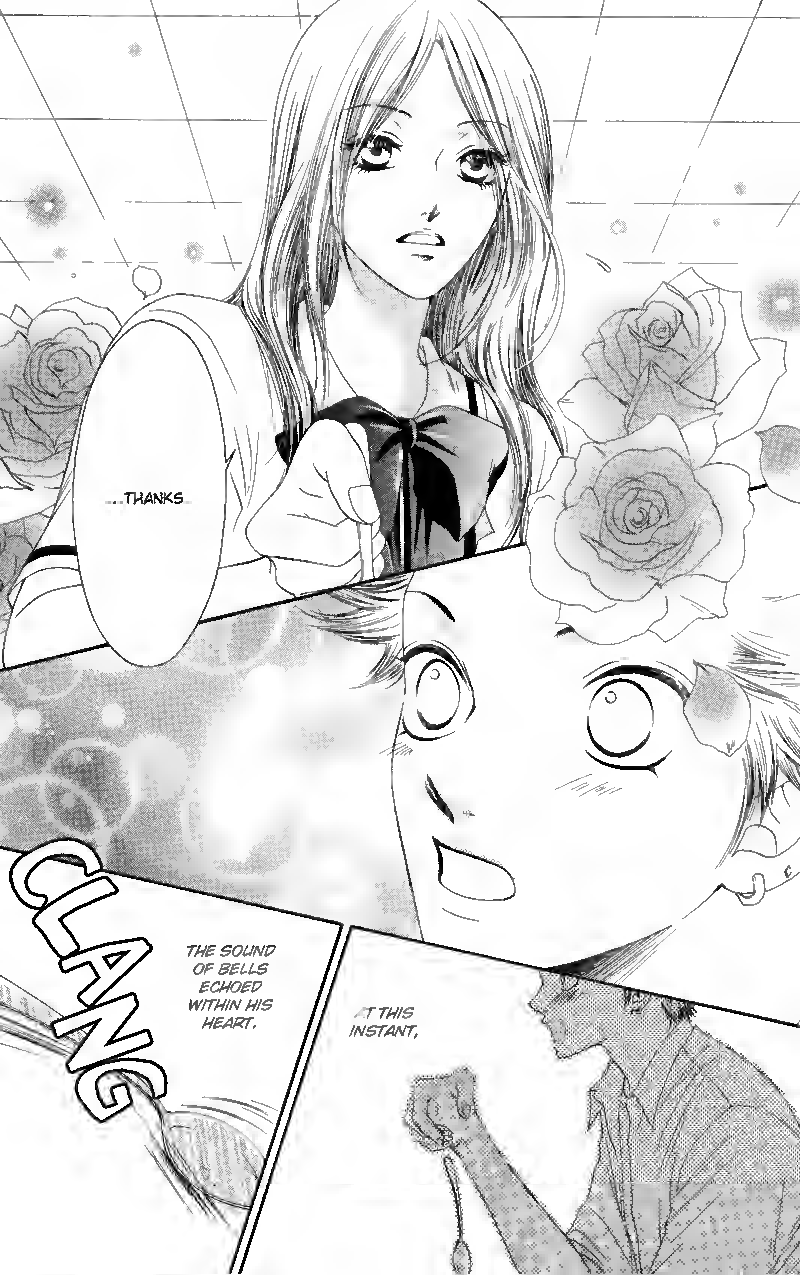



OH, WHY AREN'T YOU EATING WITH REO-CHAN?
AH!
Since it was hard enough for you two to finally get together
CLANG
WE'RE NOT STUCK TOGETHER ALL DAY LONG, YOU KNOW.


HERE

A DAY IN JULY


YO, GIVE ME A DRUMSTICK
NO WAY.


...THANKS
CLANG
THE SOUND OF BELLS ECHOED WITHIN HIS HEART.
AT THIS INSTANT,

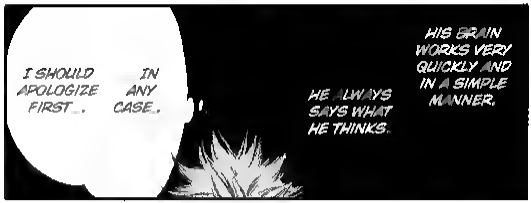

WHY DID YOU DROP IT AGAIN?
It's filthy~ you know~
...WHAT? THAT PERSON JUST NOW... IS REALLY PRETTY...
HEH— SO, THAT'S THE TYPE YOU LIKE, WATARU.
She looks like the complete opposite of you.
I THINK SHE EXHIBITS, WHAT OTHERS WOULD CALL, A TRANSPARENT AURA...
WELL— KITAMURA-SAN IS CERTAINLY VERY PRETTY
EHHH?! YOU KNOW HER?!
ASUKA,
ASUKA KITAMURA.
SHE'S THE SUPER PRETTY GIRL WHO'S RECENTLY TRANSFERRED IN AS A THIRD-YEAR SHE'S VERY WELL-KNOWN
I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE SURPRISED YOU DIDN'T KNOW—WHEN SHE GOES TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS YOU!
HER NAME! WHAT'S HER NAME?!
ASUKA KITAMURA .
WOW~


CLUN—K!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FAILED TO COMMIT SUICIDE THAT DAY!!
CLUNK

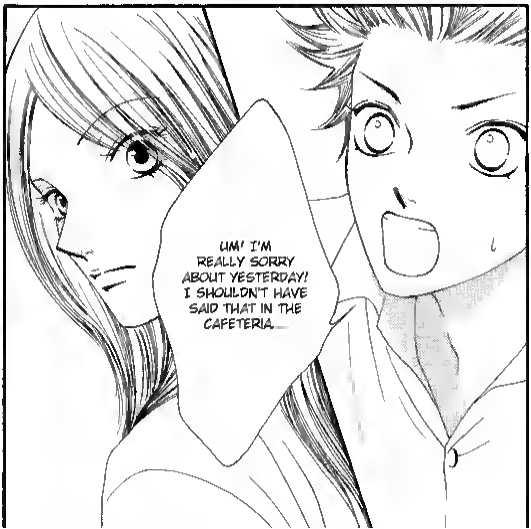

EH? WHAT THE?
Are you not eating anymore?...
YOU'RE AN IDIOT WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU SAYING?!
BUT, I REALLY SAW...
"THAT DAY," WHICH MEANS SHE TRIED IT AGAIN...?
HAS SHE NOT COME OUT OF IT YET—


I ONLY HEARD THIS FROM SOME-ONE ELSE.
SHE TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE AT HER PREVIOUS SCHOOL A YEAR AGO AND CAUSED AN UPROAR
SHE STAYED AT HOME FOR AWHILE BEFORE TRANSFERRING HERE
That's why she should be older than you!


NOT SURE WHAT THE REASON WAS, BUT SHE REALLY TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE...
SO, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT...


HIS BRAIN WORKS VERY QUICKLY AND IN A SIMPLE MANNER.
HE ALWAYS SAYS WHAT HE THINKS.
I SHOULD APOLOGIZE FIRST... IN ANY CASE,


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UM! I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT YESTERDAY! I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT IN THE CAFETERIA...


...I DON'T HAVE FRIENDS, ANYWAY
UM, YOU'RE HAVING A PACKED LUNCH TODAY INSTEAD, HUH!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO EAT WITH YOUR FRIENDS?
AHHH!
I'M GONNA GO WAIT IN LINE FOR THAT THEN!
YOU DON'T NEED TO
HI THERE. I'M WATARU KOKONOE FROM CLASS 1, YEAR 3!
MY HOBBY IS PLAYING THE DRUMS, MY FAVORITE FOOD IS SEA BREAM CURRY, AND I BELIEVE IN TAKING CHANCES!
BUT! I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE UP!
I have to nurture this feeling!


WHAT ABOUT YOU, KITAMURA-SAN? WHAT'S YOUR HOBBY? HAVE YOU GOT ANY SPECIAL SKILLS? WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?
WHAT TYPE OF GUYS DO YOU LIKE? I'M SO THICK-SKINNED. KYAH——!!
..YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO AROUND IN CIRCLES WITH ME. I'LL ANSWER YOU.
HEH?
I KNOW YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THE RUMORS.
LATELY, PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET CLOSE TO ME ALL WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THAT.
...AT MY PREVIOUS SCHOOL,
I WATCHED MY FRIEND JUMP OFF THE ROOF.
I WAS GOING TO DIE WITH MY FRIEND. BUT I GOT SCARED AND RAN AWAY AT THE LAST MINUTE.

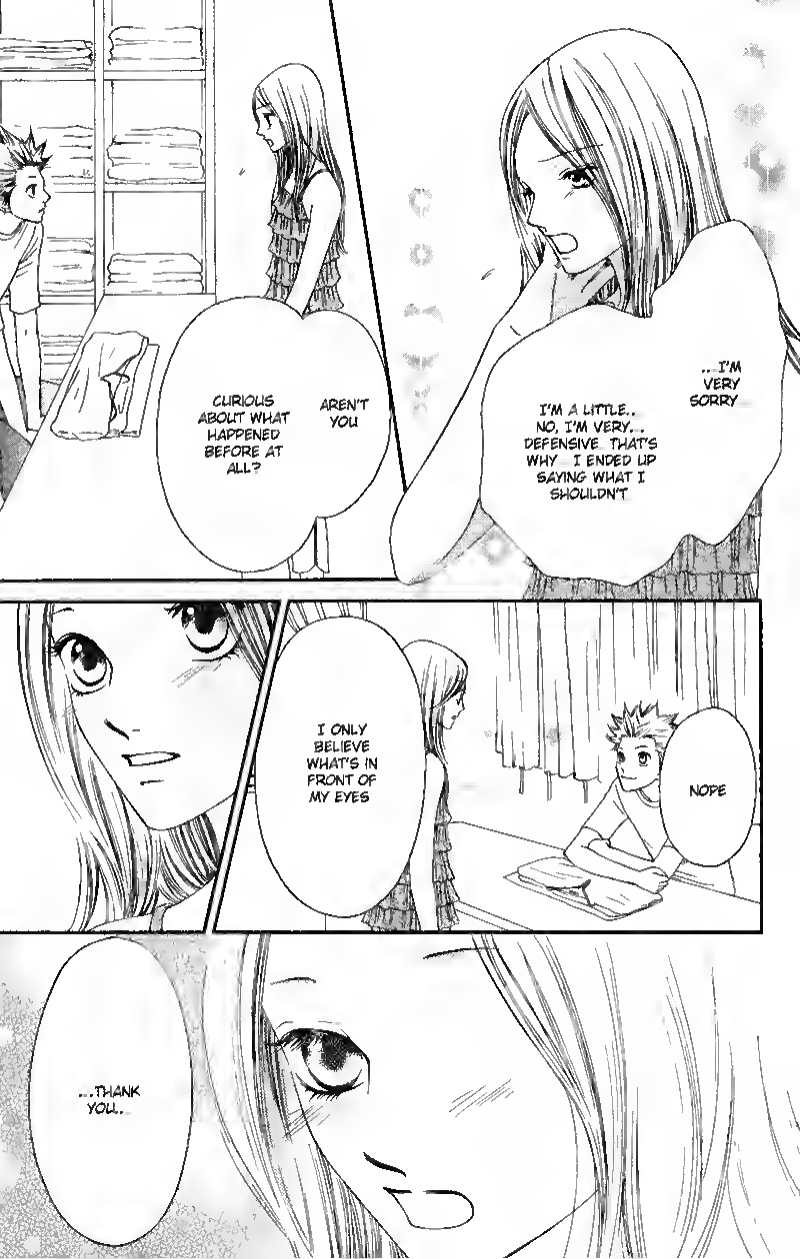

NEITHER OF US HAD THE HOPE TO LIVE.
MY FRIEND, ON THE OTHER HAND, GOT BEATEN UP AT HOME
I WAS DATING A TEACHER AND GOT DUMPED AFTER BEING FOUND OUT. PEOPLE GAVE ME LOOKS AT SCHOOL.
W...WHY DO YOU HAVE TO DIE..
WHEN YOU SAW ME THAT DAY, I WAS ABOUT TO JUMP OFF TO JOIN MY FRIEND.
...NOT AT ALL!
WEREN'T YOU VERY CURIOUS? SATISFIED NOW?
THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY!

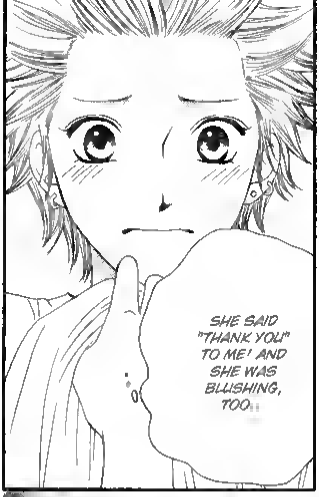

I'M NOT CHASING AROUND AFTER YOU TO HEAR ABOUT THOSE GOSSIPS!
I JUST FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU AT FIRST SIGHT AND THOUGHT YOU'RE REAL PRETTY. I ONLY WANTED TO GET TO KNOW YOU!
DON'T TREAT OTHER PEOPLE LIKE IDIOTS!
CAN YOU CALL THAT A CONFES-SION—
PARDON ME.
SINCE I ACCIDENTALLY EAVESDROPPED, LET ME SAY JUST THIS.
WATARU ISN'T THAT KIND OF GUY.


THE GUY RARELY GETS ANGRY
AND FURTHER-MORE,
BESIDES,
YOU DO KNOW THAT IT'S NEARLY SUMMER VACATION, RIGHT?
What DiD I DO—?!!
Duh~
Eek~!!
WATARU'S BLOOMING LOVE
APPARENTLY GOT KILLED OFF JUST LIKE THAT,
Yesterday you were still acting preecy cool— What's with the change
MAYBE—
HOW COULD I SAY THAT? SHE'S DEFINITELY GOING TO HATE ME—!!


RETHINK
NOE CLEANING
A DAY IN AUGUST
RATTLE
RATTLE...
HELLO~
W... WHY.
I LIVE HERE! WE OWN THIS PLACE!
I... I SEE... WHAT A COINCI-DENCE...
I'm leaving now...
THIS ISN'T A COINCIDENCE! IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN! IT'S FATE!
YOU'VE GOT CLOTHES TO WASH, RIGHT? HERE, HAND THEM OVER! LET ME SEE! IT'S ALL RIGHT IF YOU ACCIDENTALLY MIX IN YOUR UNDER-WEAR—!
I really do wish you did!
W...WAI...

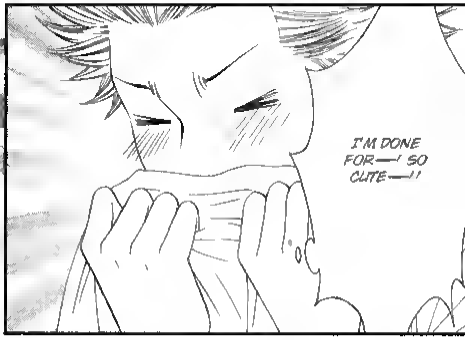

AH! A DRESS! HOW— CUTE— ♥
M-HM, THIS MUST REALLY SUIT YOU.
I'D REALLY LOVE TO SEE YOU WEAR IT.
...UM... AREN'T YOU ANGRY? ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME...
EH? AH—ABOUT THAT—NOT AT ALL! IN FACT, I SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR SHOUTING AT YOU!
BESIDES,
THE ONES IN THE WRONG WERE THOSE PEOPLE WHO APPROACHED YOU WITH THAT SORT OF CURIOSITY...

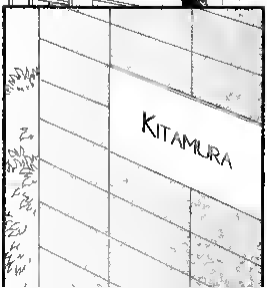

AREN'T YOU CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE AT ALL?
I'M A LITTLE.. NO, I'M VERY.. DEFENSIVE THAT'S WHY I ENDED UP SAYING WHAT I SHOULDN'T
.. I'M VERY SORRY
NOPE
I ONLY BELIEVE WHAT'S IN FRONT OF MY EYES
...THANK YOU..


SHE SAID "THANK YOU" TO ME! AND SHE WAS BLUSHING, TOO...


THE LAUNDRY WILL BE READY BY WEDNESDAY THEN THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS—
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THE WORD "STRATEGY" DOES NOT EXIST IN HIS DICTIONARY.

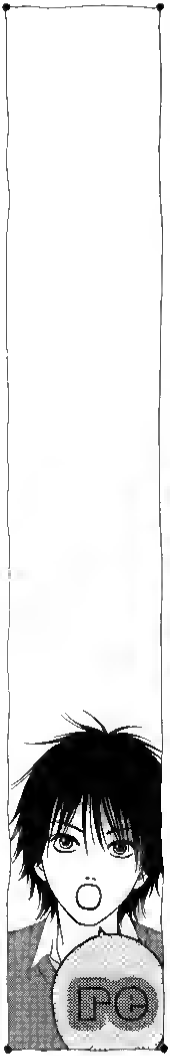

I'M DONE FOR—! SO CUTE—!!


KITAMURA


Wataru! Let go! That's the customer's dress!
AHH... I LIKE HER SO MUCH...


I'M FROM KOKONOE CLEANING—
I'VE COME TO DELIVER YOUR LAUNDRY!
I'VE GOT A SPECIAL GIFT FOR YOU: TWO TICKETS TO WATCH BASEBALL! PLEASE GO WITH ME!
Even though I'm acting just like a newspaper salesman!
IT'S A PERSONAL SERVICE FROM ME!
I DON'T THINK I'VE ASKED FOR YOU TO MAKE A HOME DELIVERY..
...I'M NOT INTERESTED IN BASEBALL.


I DON'T LIKE THE CROWD.
THEME PARK!
THERE ARE BUGS.
GO UP THE MOUNTAIN!
SAME AS ABOVE
THE POOL.
I DON'T WANT TO GET TANNED.
THEN, THE BEACH!
...LET'S TAKE A WALK THEN!
Feels a little sorry for him
IF...IF IT'S ONLY WALKING AROUND...


ASUKA-CHAN, DO YOU LIKE THE SUNRISE OR SUNSET MORE?
ASUKA-CHAN?
UH... SUNSET...
OH! WHY DO YOU THINK THAT?!
WOW—IT GETS OBVIOUSLY COOLER AFTER THE SUN GOES DOWN—
HAVE I BEEN TRICKED INTO TAGGING ALONG—?
SO, THAT'S WHY—
FROM THEN ON
...WHEN THE SUN SETS,
IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE THE SUN WENT UP IN FLAMES.
EVERYDAY THEY WALKED AND TALKED ABOUT RANDOM THINGS
BUT SHE GAVE UP RESISTING AFTER AWHILE
SHE ALSO WALKED WITH HIM VERY UNWILLINGLY.
HE ASKED HER TO TAKE A WALK WITH HIM EVERY DAY.


THEN,
THE LAST DAY OF SUMMER VACATION CAME.
SCHOOL START'S TOMORROW!
UM.. YOU KNOW,
I DON'T THINK THE WAY I ACT HIDES WHAT I FEEL FOR YOU.
D.
DON'T KNOW IF YOU'D BE WILLING TO GO OUT..
SORRY.
YOU'RE TOO QUICK—!!
I haven't even finished speaking yet—!
..UM..
I HAVEN'T MANAGED TO SORT OUT MANY OF MY FEELINGS YET
SO CONCERNING THIS KIND OF THING,
I'M REALLY NOT READY TO CONSIDER IT..


IS THAT OK?
THEN,
I'LL WAIT PATIENTLY!
...M-HM.
SEPTEMBER
'MORNING!


...'MORNING...
WHEN DID YOU GET TO THIS STAGE?!
HEH~ SO, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED DURING SUMMER VACATION~
WELL, SHE WON'T CONSIDER DATING ANYONE RIGHT NOW, SO I NEED TO PREPARE MYSELF FOR A LONG BATTLE!
WATARU-SENPAI, I'M CHEERING FOR YOU!
BUT, WHAT I FEEL IS...
SHE PROBABLY HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY YOU. I FEEL KITAMURA-SAN IS A LOT GENTLER THESE DAYS. SHE MAY BE COMING OUT OF IT SOON.
YOU THINK?! IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK, TOO?!
M-HM,
I'LL BE GLAD IF SHE CAN CARRY ON LIKE THIS AND NOT TRY TO COMMIT SUICIDE ANYMORE TO JOIN HER FRIEND.
EH?

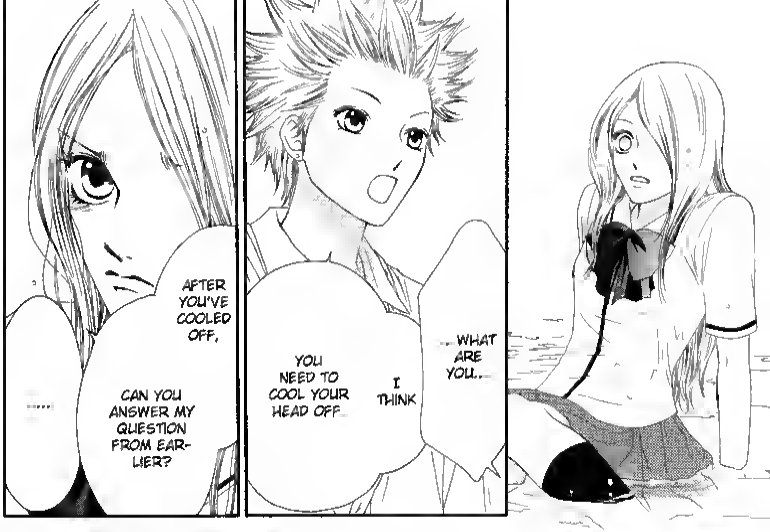

...EH...?
WEREN'T BOTH SAVED BACK THEN..?
WHAT "JOIN HER FRIEND.. ?"
I READ IT ON THE NEWS.
The media had a field day about it.
HOWEVER, I THINK SHE WAS BADLY INJURED..

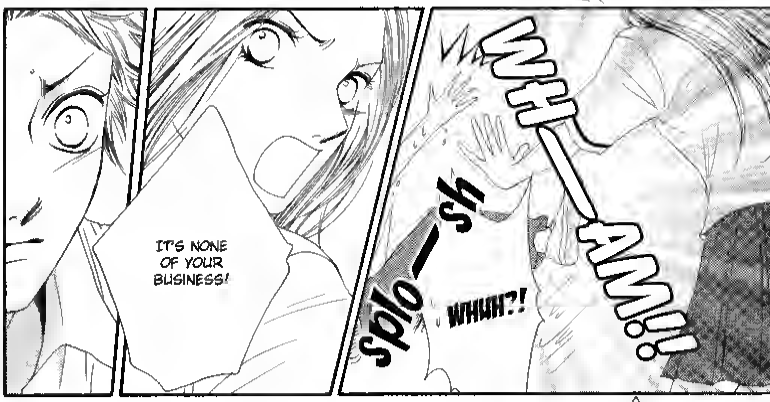

KITAMURA
TSURUYAMA GIRLS HIGH
AH, NO I'VE COME TODAY TO ASK YOU SOME-THING—
COME PLEASE COME IN TO WAIT FOR HER.
OH, MY DID YOU COME TODAY TO SEE ASKUA? SHE ISN'T HOME YET
YES—
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YESTERDAY,
DID YOU GO TO MY HOUSE?
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU WEREN'T CURIOUS?
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO SNOOP AROUND THEN?
BECAUSE
YOU WEREN'T BEING HONEST
WHAT—
I HEARD THE ENTIRE STORY.


IF SHE HAD DIRECTLY JUMPED OFF, THERE IS NO WAY SHE COULD'VE BEEN SAVED.
BUT BECAUSE THE STRUGGLE CHANGED THE ANGLE OF HER FALL, SHE FELL ONTO A TREE.
SHE WAS INJURED, BUT IT SAVED HER LIFE.
BUT WHEN YOU TRIED TO STOP HER, SHE SLIPPED AND FELL OFF IN THE END
THE MOMENT YOU TRIED TO JUMP OFF THE SCHOOL ROOF,
YOU GOT SCARED AND HOPED TO STOP YOUR FRIEND.
I HEARD YOU HAVEN'T VISITED HER EVER SINCE THAT DAY
ALTHOUGH SHE HASN'T RECOVERED YET,
YOUR FRIEND IS STILL ALIVE
WHY IS THAT?
ASUKA


DASH—
AH! HEY!
"ASUKA,"
"THERE'S NOTHING LEFT THAT'LL MAKE ME HAPPY."
WAH—YOU CAN'T RUN INTO THAT PLACE!
Are you trying to drown yourself this time?!
PITTER
PATTER
LET ME GO.
wh
am!
?!
SPLASH


AFTER YOU'VE COOLED OFF,
CAN YOU ANSWER MY QUESTION FROM EARLIER?
.....
YOU NEED TO COOL YOUR HEAD OFF
I THINK
...WHAT ARE YOU...


IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
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WHUH?!
WH—AM!!


KYAH—!
splash
I'M ONLY ASKING BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE IT MY BUSINESS!

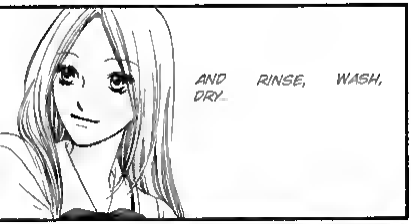

I DON'T REALLY GET IT.
BUT IF YOU DON'T SORT THESE THINGS OUT, WON'T YOU BE STUCK IN THE SAME SPOT FOREVER?!
IF YOU DO THAT,
WHEN WILL MY FEELINGS EVER BE RETURNED?
BUT...
I JUST DON'T KNOW.
OR I REALLY WANTED TO DIE
AT THE SAME TIME,
THE PERSON I LIKE CASUALLY BETRAYED ME
I REALLY FELT SORRY FOR HER, SO I LET HER STAY AT MY PLACE. BUT WHEN SHE WENT BACK, SHE GOT BEATEN UP EVEN MORE.
SHE ALWAYS HAD FRESH NEW BRUISES ON HER
I REALLY CAN'T STAND WATCHING THAT ANYMORE.
I DON'T KNOW WHO BROUGHT IT UP.
WE JUST AGREED TO DO IT.


I REGRETTED IT THE MOMENT I STEPPED ONTO THE LEDGE..
BUT,
LOOKING DOWN FROM THE ROOF WAS REALLY SCARY.
SO,
I GRABBED ONTO ORI.
BUT, I DIDN'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO SAVE HER.
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S ALIVE RIGHT NOW,
IS THAT A GOOD THING OR A BAD THING FOR HER?
DID I
SAVE HER? OR..


I DON'T KNOW.
I'M SO SCARED.
I CAN'T TELL IF SHE HATES ME OR NOT.
I WAS THINKING WHETHER I'D DARE JUMP OFF THIS TIME... THINKING IF I COULD, PERHAPS ORI WILL FORGIVE ME...
THE FIRST TIME YOU SAW ME,
...AND ALSO,
I'M NOT BOTHERED BY HIS BETRAYAL ANYMORE.
I ONLY WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THIS ONE THING.
BUT!
SHE MIGHT NOT HATE YOU AT ALL.
WHY DON'T YOU GO ASK HER.
DON'T SAY THAT.
...I DON'T KNOW.
IF THEY DON'T, I'LL HUG AND COMFORT YOU.
IF THINGS TURN OUT FOR THE BEST, I'LL BE HAPPY BEING TOGETHER WITH YOU.
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT?
DON'T THINK ABOUT TAKING A FALL UNTIL YOU'VE ACTUALLY TAKEN A FALL.
SHE WAS YOUR BEST FRIEND. ISN'T IT A SHAME IF YOU DON'T GO SEE HER?
WHAT IF
SHE REALLY WANTS TO SEE YOU?

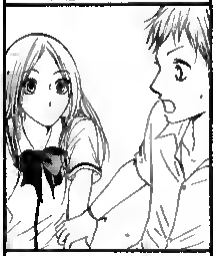

BECOME YOUR HOPE TO LIVE!
LET ME
CRAP.
WHAT HAPPENED?! DID YOU DROWN?!
HANG ON, YOU TWO!
NO, WE DIDN'T—!

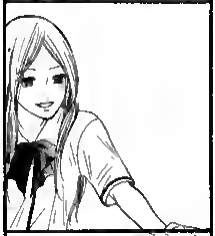

HM—WE'RE FINALLY DRY—
BUT, THIS NEEDS TO BE WASHED AGAIN.
Ah! wrinkly
AH, PLEASE GIVE LOTS OF BUSINESS TO KOKONOE CLEANING!
Just kidding!

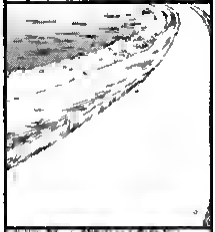

AND DRY.
RINSE, WASH,


AFTER DOING THAT,
...HEY, MR. LAUNDRY MAN,
YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE A WHOLE NEW YOU.












I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO BLEACH
COULD YOU COME WITH ME?
Harashima General Hospital
WHY HAVEN'T YOU COME TO SEE ME AT ALL?
I'VE ALSO HEARD THAT YOU'VE CHANGED SCHOOLS.
ASUKA!
I WANT TO SEE YOU THE MOST,
I STOPPED YOU.
BECAUSE I WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING——

WAS THAT GOOD? OR WAS THAT BAD?


RIGHT NOW,
MY AUNT IS TAKING CARE OF ME.
LIFE IS VERY PEACEFUL AND THE LIFE I HAD BEFORE IS ONLY A NIGHTMARE NOW
MY AUNT AND THE PEOPLE IN THE HOSPITAL ARE ALL REALLY NICE TO ME.
IT MADE ME REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE MANY THINGS I STILL WANT TO DO
I
STILL HAVEN'T WATCHED A LOT OF MOVIES, AND I HAVEN'T LISTENED TO A LOT OF MUSIC
AH! THAT'S RIGHT. DIDN'T WE SAY THAT WE WANTED TO GO TO MICHELLE'S FOR CAKES? WHEN I'M DISCHARGED, LET'S GO TOGETHER!
. I KNOW THEY'RE ALL MINOR THINGS .
BUT, THE THINGS I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT BEFORE ARE SURFACING ONE BY ONE
THANK GOODNESS I DIDN'T DIE AT THAT TIME


THANK GOODNESS I DIDN'T MAKE YOU DIE WITH ME.
YOU'RE MY FRIEND WHO WALKED OFF THE LEDGE WITH ME.
THANK GOODNESS YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND AT THAT TIME.
IS THERE ANYTHING THAT HAS MADE YOU BE THANKFUL THAT YOU DIDN'T DIE?
HEY, WHAT ABOUT YOU, ASUKA?
I'M SORRY.
THANK YOU.
. .I
I HAVE
SOMEONE ON MY MIND RIGHT NOW.
M-HM...


A BOY
WHO'S LIKE THE CLEAR, BLUE SKY.
...HEY, DID YOU GO SEE ORI BEFORE I DID?
UH...


YOU KNEW ORI WANTED TO SEE ME ALL ALONG AND YET YOU STILL SAID THAT. DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE BEING TOO CRAFTY?
WELL, UM— I JUST THOUGHT THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD WAS... UH...
ANYWAY, AS LONG AS THINGS TURN OUT FOR THE BEST, EVERYTHING'S GOOD! LET'S NOT FUSS ABOUT MINOR ISSUES!

I'll let you off with ice cream

OK!

WASH, RINSE AND DRY.

JUST WASH, RINSE AND DRY.

THAT'S ALL IT TOOK FOR A BOY WHO'S LIKE THE CLEAR, BLUE SKY.

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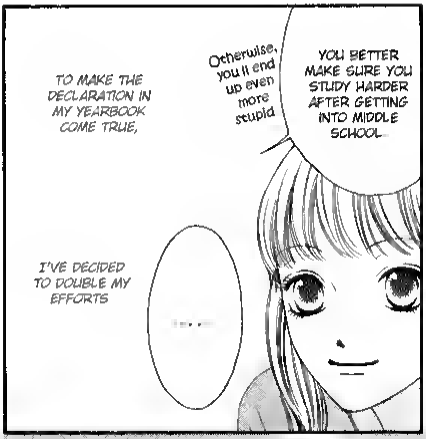

NADESHIKO CLUB
CHAPTER 34


THERE WAS ONCE A BOY AND A GIRL
IN A DISTANT LAND FAR, FAR WAY,
LOOK, SOU-CHAN
THE BABY IS SO ADORABLE
WHEN THE BOY WAS ABOUT TO TURN 3 THE GIRL WAS BORN
Soo~~~
YUME-CHAN, THIS IS SOU-CHAN FROM NEXT DOOR. YOU'LL BE ASKING BIG BROTHER TO PLAY WITH YOU LOTS IN THE FUTURE
THEY LIVE NEXT DOOR TO EACH OTHER.


SQUEEZE
I HAVE A FEELING SHE LIKES YOU VERY MUCH
SOU-CHAN,
Ahaha
MY, MY. SHE DOESN'T WANT TO LET GO
FROM THEN ON, THEY'RE ALWAYS TOGETHER
JUST LIKE REAL BROTHERS AND SISTERS
THEY GOT ALONG WITH EACH OTHER


THEIR RELATIONSHIP BEGAN TO DETERIORATE
HOWEVER, NOBODY REALLY KNOWS SINCE WHEN
FUTURE
goal
NANNY
KANO SISTERS
Singer
saya himeko
DOCTOR
TOP BREEDER
Kouta Gou
sou-chan's wife
Yume MORI
Jerika
Shunji Saitou
OKAY
YUME MORI
11 YEARS OLD
I HAVE DECIDED ON MY FUTURE NOT LONG AGO


HEY, HEY, YUME-CHAN
ARE YOU SURE YOU REALLY WANT TO WRITE THAT FOR YOUR GRADUATION YEARBOOK?
M-HM. UH, CAN'T I?
BUT, THAT'S GOING TO REMAIN WITH YOU FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?
THAT'S OKAY
IT'LL MAKE ME TRY EVEN HARDER THIS WAY
SOU-CHAN NEXT DOOR IS KIND AND BEAUTIFUL
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GRADUATION
HE'S MY FAVORITE PERSON
—BUT SPEAKING OF WHICH,
Book of Memories
U


TO MAKE THE DECLARATION IN MY YEARBOOK COME TRUE,
I'VE DECIDED TO DOUBLE MY EFFORTS
Otherwise, you'll end up even more stupid
YOU BETTER MAKE SURE YOU STUDY HARDER AFTER GETTING INTO MIDDLE SCHOOL


WHAT DID YOU WRITE... THAT'S REALLY STUPID
HEH HEH— IT'S BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY GOAL I HAVE—

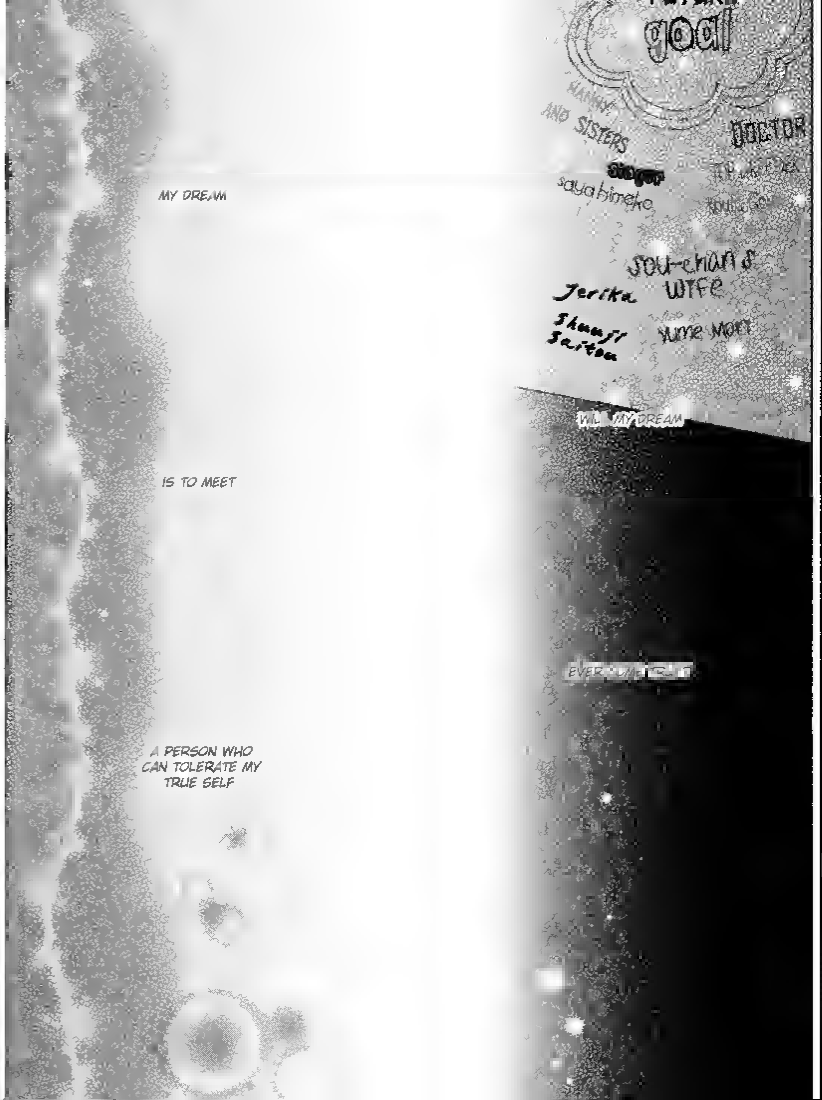

BUT, DISASTER ALWAYS SEEMS TO LOOM AHEAD OF ME
HE'S DATING KAORI HARADA FROM YEAR 2!
SOUICHIROU SENPAI,
WHAT'S THE RUSH?
WAIT, YOUR...
YUME —!!
YUME!


YUME?!
WHEN IT FIRST HAPPENED,
I ACTUALLY PASSED OUT BECAUSE OF IT
FLOP
I ENVY HER—!!
GEH— THAT POPULAR GIRL?!
YUME, DID YOU KNOW?!
I THINK HARADA-SAN WILL GET ANGRY
FOR YOU TO GO INTO ANOTHER GIRL'S BEDROOM
EH? YOU KNOW ALREADY?!
DID YOU PASS OUT AT SCHOOL? ARE YOU OKAY?


and I think she's pretty good looking, so...
WELL, HM——.
I COULDN'T FIND A REASON TO REFUSE HER ANYWAY...
THE GIRL'S SPY NETWORK IS AMAZING BUT SCARY...
...DO YOU...
LIKE HER?
GIRLS SHOULDN'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT
...YOU KNOW,
...THAT PERSON IS PRETTY CUTE,
BUT SHE'S AN AWFUL PERSON
SEE YOU.
LOOK AFTER YOURSELF


I'VE KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME THAT BEING NICE TO HIM IS NOT AS SIMPLE AS WHAT EVERYONE THINKS
ALTHOUGH AT THAT TIME
HE COULDN'T REFUSE HER
BECAUSE SOU-CHAN IS TOO NICE,
THIS IS THE SITUATION
BECAUSE,
A DIFFERENT GIRL YET AGAIN
AH,
BUT AT LEAST, I CAN COMFORT MYSELF THINKING THAT.
THE TIME TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS INNOCENTLY HAS ALREADY PASSED
'I COULDN'T FIND A REASON TO REFUSE HER ANYWAY
DOES THAT MEAN
HE HAS A REASON TO REFUSE ME?
This person has already confessed many times.
NON-CHAN, ARE YOU THAT PROUD OF YOURSELF?
WELL, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT HE'S NOT MUCH OF A PLAYER COMPARED TO ME


SEIRYOU KUN,
I COULDN'T EVER UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.
SAME AGAIN...
SOUICHIROU SEIRYOU, AGE 15


MY DREAM
IS TO MEET
A PERSON WHO CAN TOLERATE MY TRUE SELF
goal
MARRY
AND SISTERS
DOCTOR
saya hineko
sou-chan's WIFE
Jerika
yume mori
Shunji Saitou
W.L. MY DREAM
EVERYDAY


I'LL BE CAUSING A LOT OF TROUBLE TO GET SOU-CHAN'S ATTENTION.
BUT THAT IS ANOTHER STORY


YUME,
DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING RIGHT NOW?
EVEN THOUGH I'M INTERESTED IN GIRLS,
IT REALLY IS A HASSLE...
Always getting dumped.
THAT I'VE BEEN REJECTED WITH MANY TIMES ALREADY
THAT'S AN OLD PHRASE
WHY? I'M ONLY ACTING THE WAY I NORMALLY WOULD.
BESIDES, DO THEY HAVE TO KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING?
"I really want to try out the new Hagen Daz ice cream!"
So hot today
HM~
DEFT!
OH DEAR. HAVE I BEEN FOUND?
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU'RE THINKING?


ALTHOUGH,
I DO KNOW THAT YUME'S FEELINGS FOR ME HAS CHANGED OVER TIME,
Sou-chan, this one is so yummy!
Yay!
What do I do with you? Let big bro treat you
BUT,
SHE ALMOST GOT IT RIGHT
WHY'S THAT?
IS IT BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER FOR A LONG TIME?


EVEN IF I DO THINK THAT YUME IS ADORABLE,
I PRETEND THAT I DON'T
I THINK THOSE ARE FEELINGS SIMILAR TO THAT FOR A LITTLE SISTER
WHEN SHE CONFESSES TO ME, I ALWAYS REJECT HER
IT SCARES ME WHEN SOMEONE IS "SERIOUS" AS HER FACE IS FOR ME
TO BE HONEST, I ALSO THINK THAT IT'S A HASSLE


AS TIME WENT BY,
YUME ENTERED INTO THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL AS ME,
WHILE I'M ABOUT TO TAKE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS.
HEY, HEY, SOUICHIROU!
I SAW YUME-CHAN YESTERDAY I HAVEN'T SEEN HER FOR JUST A LITTLE WHILE,
AND SHE'S BECOME BEAUTIFUL～
SHE MUST BE IN LOVE!
SHUN
DO YOU KNOW WHO'S THE GUY?!
. WELL .
I COULDN'T TELL FROM YUME'S ATTITUDE. .
OR IS SHE MAKING FUN OF ME??
AH—AH, I WISH YOU'RE THAT GUY!
IF YUME COULD BE MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY SO MUCH.
WE'RE NEIGHBORS, YOU KNOW. WOULDN'T IT GET REALLY AWKWARD IF WE DATE THEN BREAK UP??
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, MOM
What's the rush? Looking for a daughter-in-law already?


ALL ALONG
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT
HOW CAN SUCH AN AWFUL GUY
GET TOGETHER WITH THIS ADORABLE LITTLE SISTER?
I'M TRYING MY BEST TO AVOID TROUBLE...
INTRODUCE YUME-CHAN TO ME!
HELP ME! PLEASE DO IT FOR MY SAKE!
WHO DID YOU SAY ASKED YOU?
NAGAO FROM CLASS E!
Haven't you been listening?!
THIS KEEPS HAPPENING TO ME LATELY
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT〜
NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN EVEN IF I DO IT.


YOU ALWAYS DISMISS IT PRIVATELY WITHOUT EVEN TELLING YUME-CHAN〜
AND YOU SAY YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN HER? YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO KEEP HER FOR YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU?
NOT AGAIN...
GO TELL THAT GUY THAT THERE IS NO POINT ASKING ME TO INTRODUCE HIM WHEN HE CAN'T EVEN SPEAK FOR HIMSELF.
I THINK IT'S AFTER SHE CAME INTO HIGH SCHOOL.
I CAN SPOT HER STRAIGHT AWAY NO MATTER HOW BIG A CROWD SHE'S IN,
IT'S TRUE THAT
YUME HAS BECOME BEAUTIFUL
I won't do it again. Forgive me〜〜
... WHAT - I'M - DOING〜〜 IS PUTTING HER IN QUARANTINE AWAY FROM VERMIN LIKE A FATHER WOULD DO〜
I'M TELLING YOU THAT IF YOU INSIST ON BRINGING UP THIS KIND OF SUBJECT AGAIN, I'LL BE PUTTING A CURSE YOUR COLLEGE EXAMS
KYAH— DON'T—!!
Your curses always come true.


A HALO OF LIGHT CIRCLING HER
BECAUSE THERE SEEMS TO BE
I MET WITH A RADIANT LIGHT
I HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE
IN THE SCHOOL FAIR THIS YEAR,
AFTER THAT, JUST WHEN I COULDN'T FIND A CHANCE TO FORGIVE HER,
YUME REALLY DID MAKE ME ANGRY WHEN SHE TRICKED THE HOME EC CLUB TO GET MY ATTENTION
THIS LIGHT NEARLY CONSUMED ME AND I FORGAVE HER BECAUSE OF IT.
THAT MOVE WAS A LITTLE TOO SLICK.
BUT THAT IS IN MY UNKNOWN FUTURE.
THE WAVES OF CHANGES HEAPED HIGHER AND HIGHER
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT THAT RADIANT LIGHT WAS BECAUSE SHE BECAME BEAUTIFUL
HEY, WILL COMPLETELY CONSUME ME SOON AFTER
WHEN PEOPLE SEE EACH OTHER REGULARLY,
THEY BECOME INSENSITIVE TO CHANGES


PLEASE
BE MY GIRLFRIEND!
I RAN STRAIGHT INTO AN AWKWARD SCENE.
His planned route.
I'VE THOUGHT YOU'RE REALLY LOVELY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF SCHOOL. EVEN IF WE HAVEN'T TALKED MUCH BEFORE.
SINCE PEOPLE CAN COME TO ME FOR HER,
OF COURSE THAT MEANS PEOPLE CAN CONFESS TO HER DIRECTLY, TOO.
UH, UM...
AH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE ME AN ANSWER STRAIGHT AWAY. YOU CAN TAKE YOUR TIME TO CONSIDER IT!
AH —, WHAT'S SHE DOING? JUST REFUSE HIM. REFUSE, REFUSE NOW.
WAIT!
UM...

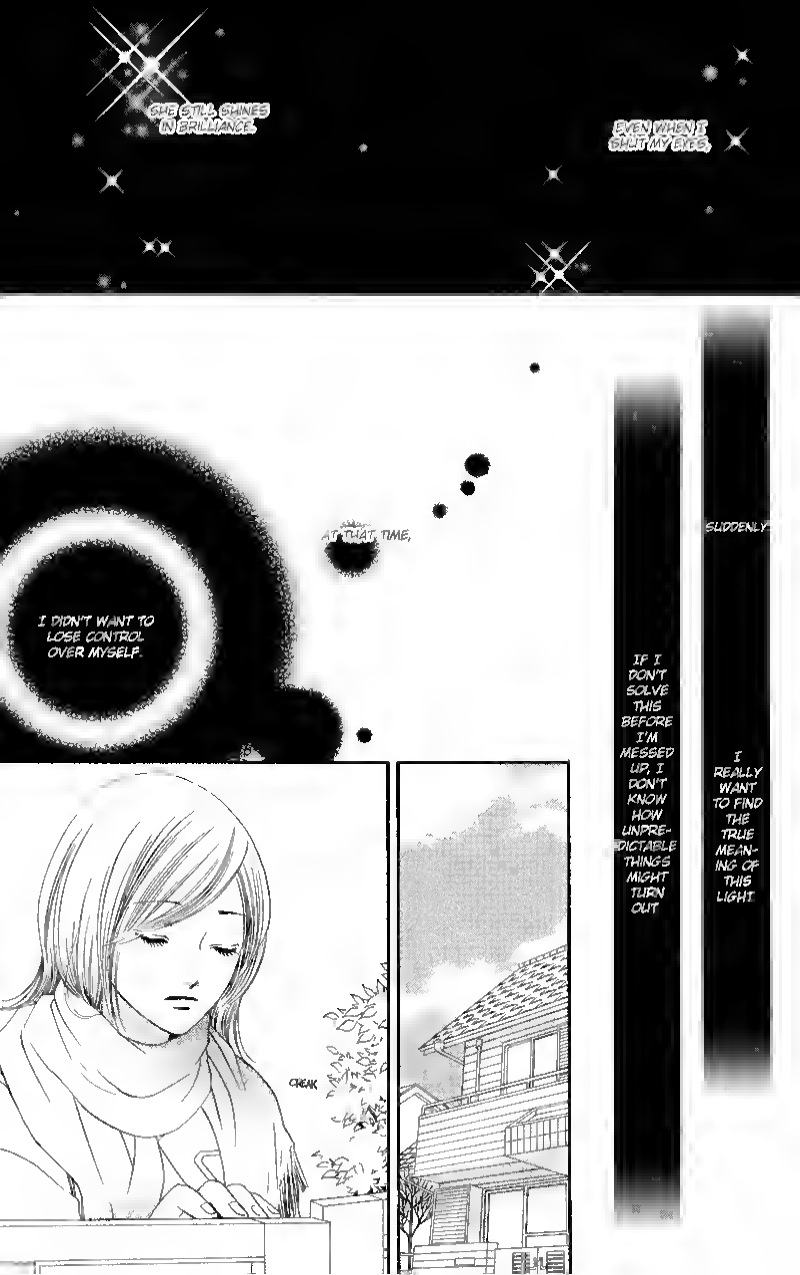

...WHAT?
I'M SO SORRY.
I ALREADY HAVE SOMEONE I LIKE...
SO, I DON'T THINK MY REPLY IS GOING TO CHANGE EVEN AFTER CONSIDERATION...
WHY AM I STILL HERE MULLBLING TO MYSELF?
ALRIGHT!


DOESN'T THAT MAKE WHAT SHIOTA SAID TRUE?
IF I THINK ABOUT IT IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS WHO YUME GOES OUT WITH.
BUT,
THAT PERSON THERE LOOKS LIKE THE STAR OF YOU


WHY DOES IT BOTHER ME SO MUCH?
SOU-CHAN?!
AH, SHOOT...
W...WHY ARE YOU HERE...D...DID YOU SEE WHAT JUST HAPPENED? YOU HEARD IT ALL?!
SORRY, I WASN'T TRYING TO EAVESDROP.
IT WAS JUST THAT I WAS ON MY WAY THROUGH HERE...
I...I SEE. SORRY.
SHE'S RADIATING SO BRIGHTLY EVEN WHEN SHE'S ON HER OWN.
HER FACE IS SO RED...


JUST LOOKING AT HER
MAKES ME FEEL AGITATED.
SEEING WHAT JUST HAPPENED REALLY MAKES ME FEEL THAT MY LITTLE GIRL HAS FINALLY GROWN UP
YOU KNOW,
WHY DIDN'T YOU ACCEPT HIM?
...UM
HE LOOKS LIKE A NICE GUY.
.....
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO IT IS. I CAN'T ACCEPT THEM
SINCE YOU'VE HEARD IT ALL ALREADY, YOU SHOULD KNOW THEN.
THAT'S BECAUSE EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE,
I'VE ONLY EVER LOVED YOU, SOU-CHAN.


I WON'T GIVE UP EASILY!
THAT'S WHY, EVEN IF YOU HATE ME,
IT FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN SHOT.
WHAT'S THIS?
...WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT,
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE SOMEONE HAS CONFESSED TO ME SO BLUNTLY.
YUME'S LIGHT STILL LINGERS IN MY HEAD.
WHAT ON EARTH...


SHE STILL SHINES IN BRILLIANCE.
EVEN WHEN I SHUT MY EYES.
AT THAT TIME,
I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE CONTROL OVER MYSELF.
IF I DON'T SOLVE THIS BEFORE I'M MESSED UP, I DON'T KNOW HOW UNPRE-DICTABLE THINGS MIGHT TURN OUT
SUDDENLY
I REALLY WANT TO FIND THE TRUE MEAN-ING OF THIS LIGHT
CREAK


Why are you so shocked...
W... W-W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, SOU-CHAN...
ISN'T IT NICE TO GO TO SCHOOL TOGETHER OCCASSIONALLY?
CRASH!!
WAHHH!
MORNING
I'M ABOUT TO GRADUATE.
WE WON'T FIND A LOT MORE OPPORTUNITIES
YOU'RE
RIGHT. .
THE COW'S JUMPED OVER THE MOON,
I THINK. .
SHAKE
GULP


YUME, LISTEN
WHEN DID YOU START FEELING NERVOUS AROUND ME?
I'M NOT SURE.
YOU'RE NOT SURE?
CAN'T YOU TRY TO REMEMBER?
BESIDES, I'M ONLY AVOIDING YOU ALL THE TIME BECAUSE YOU GET SO STIFF EVERY TIME.
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT?
RIGHT, I MADE HER CRY


I'M SO USED TO HER HABITS
BECAUSE I'VE AL——WAYS BEEN WATCHING HER EVER SINCE SHE WAS BORN
EVERY TIME THIS HAPPENS
SHE ALSO WON'T S.Y ANYTHING.
YUME ALWAYS STARTS WITH HER SILENT CRYING.
ALWAYS


ISN'T THAT N—ICE? ALWAYS LOOKING DOWN YOUR NOSE AT ME, MISTER HIGH AND MIGHTY.
I'M ONLY NERVOUS BECAUSE YOU LOVE BEING MEAN TO ME LIKE THIS!
YOU ENJOY WATCHING ME FIDGET LIKE A BAG OF NERVES, DON'T YOU?
LET ME TELL YOU THAT IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT I ACT THIS WAY.
I—WISH—THAT EVERYONE FINDS OUT ABOUT YOUR TRUE FACE AND HATES YOU FOR IT!
SOU-CHAN, YOU ACT AS IF YOU'RE REALLY GENTLE, BUT IN FACT YOU'RE COLD, AWFUL AND SELFISH!
TO FAIL IN ALL YOUR COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS!
SOU-CHAN, IT'S BEST FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU
THEN, GOD WILL DEAL YOU YOUR HAND...


YO!
WHAT'S GOING ON THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING?
WELL DONE, YUME.
MAKES ME WANT TO CLAP MY HANDS
SO?
SINCE WHEN
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE A REBELLIOUS DAUGHTER, BIG DADDY?
..DID SHE BECOME A GIRL I DON'T KNOW?
..YUME, SHE'S... IS THAT WHAT SHE'S LIKE?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN UNDERMINING HER.

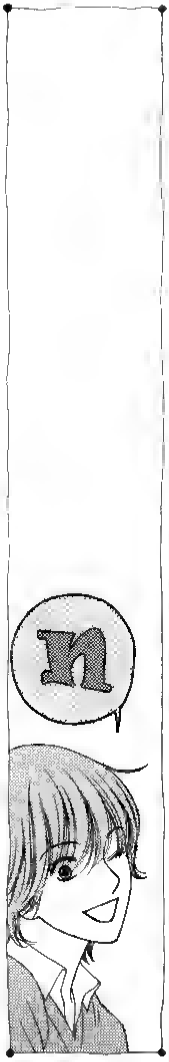

ARE YOU STILL PREPARED TO LOVE ME?
SINCE YOU KNOW ME SO WELL ALREADY,
DIVINE PUNISHMENT.
...THAT HURTS.
HEY, YUME,


SHE JUST CAME TO ASK US TO HOUSE-WATCH FOR THEM
SOUICHIROU, KEEP AN EYE OUT ON THEIR HOUSE TO PREVENT BURGLARS FOR THEM TOO, OKAY?
SURE...
I'LL BE DEPENDING ON YOU THEN.
SURE. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES.
ISN'T THAT YUME'S MOM? WHAT'S WRONG?
MRS MORI SAID THAT YUME'S GRANDFATHER HAS FALLEN ILL. THEY'LL BE RETURNING TO HIROSHIMA FOR A WHILE.
AHHH, YEAH...


THEY COULDN'T HAVE JUST MOVED THEIR WHOLE FAMILY OVER TO HIROSHIMA, COULD THEY...
YEAH... I WONDER IF THINGS AREN'T GOING VERY WELL...
AREN'T THE MORIS BACK YET?


A WEEK LATER...
THE LIGHTS NEXT DOOR STILL HASN'T COME BACK ON.


...EH?
I HEARD THAT MR. MORI'S FAMILY OWNS A BUSINESS
IF SOMETHING REALLY DOES HAPPEN, THEY'LL STILL HAVE TO MOVE BACK TO TAKE OVER THE FAMILY BUSINESS.


n


SHE'LL LEAVE...?
YUME STILL HASN'T COME BACK.
AFTER THAT,
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
SHE'S BEEN AWAY FROM ME FOR SO LONG.
SEIRYOU,
Kitchen Soldier
Block #15


HEH— HOW ODD?
JUST RETURN BACK TO NORMAL QUICKLY, OKAY?
WELL, IT'S NOT BAD ENOUGH TO AFFECT YOUR FIRST CHOICE ANYWAY
I'M SORRY
WHAT WAS WRONG WITH YOUR MOCK EXAMS LAST TIME? IT'S RARE TO SEE YOUR RANKS DROP
WHAT'S THIS
GOT TO DO WITH HER?
EEK
HAS YUME
NOT BEEN HOME LATELY?
KOU,
IT'S NOT VERY OFTEN THAT I DO, SO YOU SHOULD PAY ATTENTION
I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU CAN SAY SOMETHING SO SENSIBLE
That made him jump, didn't it
HOW PEOPLE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SEE CLEARLY WHEN THEY ARE TOO CLOSE~ THAT'S ALL
I WAS JUST THINKING


YOU KNOW,
YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING THAT YUME'S SO ADORABLE JUST LIKE YOUR OWN LITTLE SISTER. IS THAT FOR REAL?
EH?
COULD YOU BE WRONG?
.....I DON'T KNOW.
RIGHT, LET'S CHANGE THE QUESTION
IF YOU CAN'T ANSWER THIS, THEN YOU'RE REALLY BEYOND HELP.
LET'S SAY THAT I LIKE YUME
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE
JUST LISTEN
YUME HASN'T GOT ANY SPECIAL FEELINGS FOR ME,
BUT I STILL REFUSE TO GIVE UP AND DECIDES TO PHYSICALLY FORCE MYSELF ON HER
I DON'T CARE IF SHE CRIES OR SCREAMS
.....
IF I'D REALLY DONE THAT,
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?


I'LL MINCE YOU UP
I'LL KILL YOU
THE ONLY PERSON WHO'S ALLOWED TO DO THAT TO YUME
IS ME.
THERE YOU GO THERE'S YOUR ANSWER
THIS IS THE ADDRESS IN HIROSHIMA. I'VE ASKED YOUR MOM.
YOU SHOULD GET THERE PRETTY QUICKLY BY PLANE
...PITTER PATTER
Goldspeed
WHAT A WORRYING YOUNG MASTER
...AM I
REALLY LIKE WHAT KOU SAID? HAVE I BEEN WRONG?
TOKO KITCHEN


IS IT BECAUSE WE WERE TOO CLOSE
THAT I'VE NEVER NOTICED?
THEN, I REALLY HAVE TO CORRECT THIS MISTAKE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
HURRY!
HUFF— I WONDER WHAT SOU-CHAN IS DOING
SHOULD I CALL HIM OR NOT
YUME— DINNER'S READY— COME IN QUICKLY
OKAY
BUT, THERE'S NO CHANCE HE'D BE WORRIED ABOUT ME ANYWAY
YUME!!

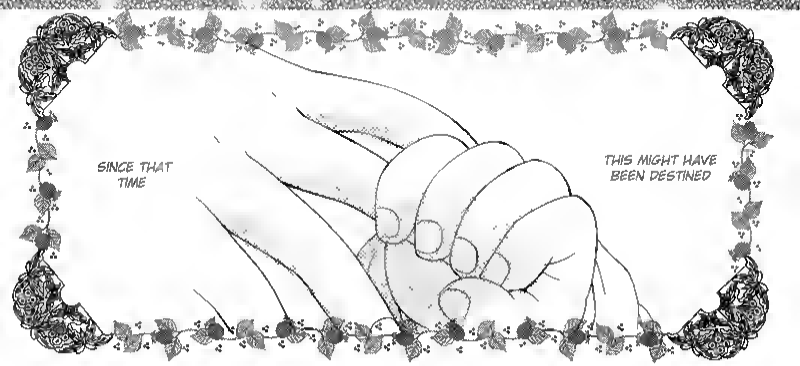

YUME,
SOU-CHAN?! WHY ARE YOU HERE..
S
HOW'S YOUR GRAND-FATHER...
AREN'T YOU COMING BACK?
WHAT IS GOING ON?
I'M SO GLAD...
WHAT THE HECK.
EH? AHH... YOU SEE. GRANDDAD WASN'T SICK. HE FELL OVER UP IN THE MOUNTAINS
BUT SINCE WE DON'T COME VERY OFTEN, THEY KEPT ASKING US TO STAY LONGER.
ALTHOUGH WE WERE GOING TO GO HOME TOMORROW...
WHAT ABOUT YOU, SOU-CHAN. WHY ARE HERE?


ALL OF THE SUDDEN,
I FEEL EMBARRASSED BEING HERE
NO, NOTHING... WHAT COULD THERE BE...
HOW CAN THERE BE NOTHING?
YOU'RE STILL HYPER-VENTILATING FROM RUNNING ALL THE WAY HERE
THIS ISN'T NEXT DOOR TO WHERE YOU LIVE
...YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT'S NOT NOTHING
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU THAT'S WHY I'M HERE
A FAVOR?
I'M BEGGING YOU
Never, ever leave my sight!


ONE REASON
I CAN ONLY COME UP WITH
AT SUCH A CRITICAL TIME,
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME MY GRADES HAVE DROPPED
Please don't leave me.
I JUST NEED TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE THERE
IT'S OKAY IF ONLY THE LIGHT IN YOUR ROOM IS SWITCHED ON
I'VE ONLY JUST REALIZED
THE FACT IS,
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
ALL OF HER IS SPECIAL
I'VE TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO ACT OR BEG SOMEONE TO STAY
I'VE
SAID IT

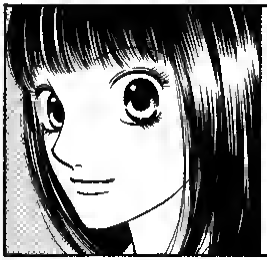

...SOU-CHAN...
YOU'RE BEING REALLY DIFFICULT.
THAT RADIANT LIGHT
ALSO CAME FROM WITHIN ME.
AND FULL OF YOUR-SELF.
SELFISH,
AWFUL,
YUP, WHAT ELSE? COLD?
WHY IS THERE EVEN MORE NOW?
EVEN IF THAT'S THE CASE,
CAN YOU CONTINUE TO LIKE ME, PLEASE?
...HOW CAN YOU ASK ME SUCH A FAVOR.
THERE'S NO WAY ANYBODY ELSE WOULD POSSIBLY AGREE TO THAT. DO YOU KNOW THAT.
...What should I do with you?
I'll just have to agree!
...AH, AH...





NADESHIKO CLUB CHAPTER 24/END

● CHARACTER MEMOIR ●



REO KIMOTO

In my opinion, She hasn't been able to become a stable character. She might the one person who gave me the most headaches. On top of that, I had to draw her long, black hair (lol, it took up a lot of time.)

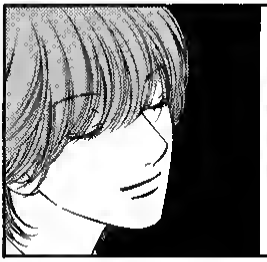
But, the readers-sama told me that she and her long hair are all very cute. Sincere appreciations



YOU IRINAKA

He was voted by the readers as our number 1 popular character.

I was so worried before we received the feedback from chapter 1, because the people around me wasn't very support of this character. But, thank goodness it was okay. I could stop worrying (lol)



SOUICHIROU SEIRYOU

I remember his popularity was right behind the Irinaka brothers to begin with. But because I made him a bit mean in the middle, more and more people started saying, "Even though I like him, but because I never know what he's thinking, he's a little scary." I really have to say to him, "Wah-Sou, I'm sorry. Sorry (lol)."

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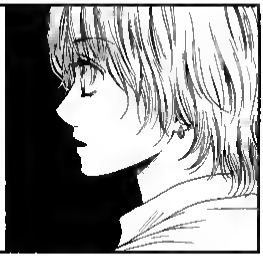
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NADESHIKO CLUB
CHAPTER 35

Nozomu Hanabishi



He really isn't a talkative person, so he always fades into the background during scenes. Or sometimes, only half his face shows. Quite a lot of people are concerned with what happens with him and his girlfriend. Um, they should be very happy, I think.

Wataru Kokonoe



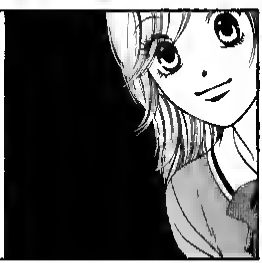
Somehow, he might be the one person who relaxes me the most. When I think about it right now, that might be because of his sunny personality. So when he does come on during a scene, he eases off the tension. Don't you think? Perhaps the side story in this volume is the only time in his life he is serious. (lol)

Kou Iriuka



There are so many people around me who beg to see Kou nii-chan more! I honestly think that this kind of character is a lot easier to draw too. I keep forgetting about the has the same face as Yo' setting and remember half way when I'm drawing him every time! He keeps messing me up.

Yume Mori



The only (?) character who has had a complete change of opinion from others since she first appeared. Her other half is Sou who is a little mean (lol). So, she was drawn as a pitiful character. I should reflect upon that. At the end of the series, my impression of her was Ryouko Kuninaka-chan.


HONK HONK
TAB
WHAT ARE WE DOING NEXT?
BOWLING!
KARAOKE!
BILLIARDS!
SEA FISHING!
CAN'T YOU AGREE ON SOMETHING FOR ONCE...


ARE MEMBERS FROM THE HOME EC CLUB OF A CERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL.
THIS GROUP THAT HAS BEEN NOISY SINCE A LITTLE EARLIER
THAT'S RIGHT
Then—Strawberry picking—
That's not possible either
They're really too childish.
BUT CURRENTLY, THERE ARE ONLY 3 MEMBERS.
I THINK... IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T MET FOR A LONG TIME. IT SURE BRINGS BACK SOME MEMORIES.
THE REST OF THEM HAVE GRADUATED OR ARE THEIR FAMILY.


STRESSING ON THE POINT
YO HAS REALLY GROWN UP, DON'T YOU THINK...
Retired old men
HE REALLY HAS... HE'S A BIG BOY NOW...
YOU SEE...? EVEN IF HE IS MY BROTHER, HE REALLY IS SOME EYE CANDY..
WHY IS THE HOME EC CLUB FULL OF BOYS?
I BELIEVE A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE DOUBTS LIKE THAT.
AND HAVING SUCH A CUTE GIRLFRIEND LIKE REO-CHAN, TOO
THE PAIR OF THEM DO LOOK GOOD TOGETHER LIKE THAT.


TODAY,
SEEMS LIKE IT JUST HAPPENED YESTERDAY.
THIS REALLY DOES BRING BACK SOME MEMORIES
DOES THAT MEAN... EVERYTHING AS PLANNED?
YUP, YUP.
HOW DID THIS CLUB COME TO A START...
LET'S TALK ABOUT THE FOUNDING SOURCE OF THE HOME EC CLUB.
BU-ZZZ

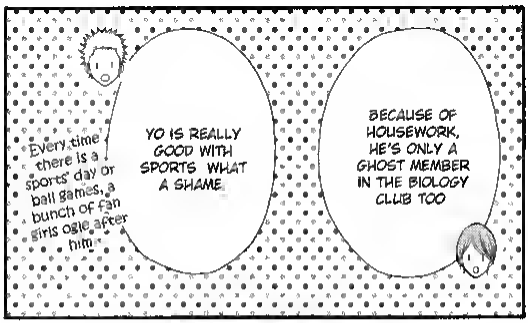

You need to brighten up the decor since there are no girls around the house
THE FLOWERS IN THE FOYER ARE READY TOO.
SNIF
OKAY! IT'S ALL CLEAN NOW, YO!
FOUR YEARS AGO FROM NOW,
I'VE SEWN THE OLD TOWELS INTO RAGS.
Anything else you want me to sew?


AND HE IS WORKING HARD ON HOUSEWORK IN A MEN-ONLY HOUSE.
YO HAD JUST BEGUN HIS LIFE OF LIVING WITH HIS DAD AND OLDER BROTHER,
OH— THANK YOU! I'VE FINISHED MAKING DINNER TOO! YOU WILL STAY FOR DINNER BEFORE YOU LEAVE, WON'T YOU?
THIS GANG ALSO SHOWS THEIR SUPPORT WITH THEIR OWN SPECIAL SKILLS.
OF COURSE!
SERIOUSLY?!
EH?
IT REALLY IS! YO, YOU'VE IMPROVED!
YUM! DELICIOUS!
SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME THE NORM.
THAT WAS WHEN THIS SITUATION


HURRAY!
Heh heh.
I'M HOME—
You must be busy with your club activities.
AH— EVERYONE'S HERE.
OH— WELCOME HOME.
AND I FELT BLITTER-FLIES!
That's bad!
...I JUST SOMEHOW FELT EXTREMELY JEALOUS OF KOU. .
I'VE MADE PLENTY, SO HAVE AS MUCH AS YOU WANT—


OH, SHOOT!
I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU TO BUY TOILET ROLLS ON THE WAY!
Only remembered when he saw the person.
I forgot to send you that text message~!
HERE, YO, MY LUNCH BOX
OH
TODAY'S WAS TASTY TOO ♥
RATTLE...
He's gone
Don't let it go cold!
NO, IT'S OKAY! YOU SHOULD EAT FIRST!
EH? SHOULDN'T I BE THE ONE GOING?
I'LL GO GET IT NOW!
M-HM
Mmm! This konnyaku is uber delicious!
YO'S TRYING SUPER HARD--


HE GOT UP EARLY THIS MORNING TO MAKE LUNCHBOXES FOR DAD AND ME


Every time there is a "sports" day or ball games, a bunch of fan girls ogle after him.
YO IS REALLY GOOD WITH SPORTS WHAT A SHAME
BECAUSE OF HOUSEWORK, HE'S ONLY A GHOST MEMBER IN THE BIOLOGY CLUB TOO


RA


M-HM... HE HIMSELF SAID,
"YOU'RE RIGHT THAT I DO LIKE SPORTS, BUT THERE ISN'T ANYTHING SPECIAL I WANT TO DO."
"SO, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER."
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID


BUT, I KNOW THE TRUTH.
YO IS ALWAYS TAPING THE NBA GAMES TO WATCH.
HE'LL ALSO BUY BASKETBALL MAGAZINES


I WANT TO USE THE SHORTEST AMOUNT OF TIME POSSIBLE TO GET HIGH PAY, AND THEN MAKE SURE DAD AND YO CAN RELAX.
...I,
I WANT TO TRY TAKING THE EXAMS TO KEIMEI FOR THEIR HIGH SCHOOL.
ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S THE BEST METHOD,
BUT I CAN UNDER-STAND
I THINK YOU AND SOU MIGHT BE THE ONLY PEOPLE AMONGST US WHO CAN GET INTO KEIMEI
EVERY-THING'S GOING TO BE OKAY


TIME SEEMS TO BE PASSING SILENTLY.
BUT THERE WERE SOME MATTERS THAT HE WAS REALLY TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION.
Nope. It's a torture going to a boys' school
Aren't you going to go take the exams?


Wah—
Irinaka-kun's lunch box always looks so delicious—
2-3
DON'T YOU THINK THAT IT'S DISGUSTING FOR A GUY WHO LOVES TO COOK—?
NO, NOT REALLY...I'M USED TO IT ANYWAY.
DID YOU MAKE IT YOURSELF?
TOLD YA—! HE'S INCREDIBLE!
ISN'T IT HARD DOING IT EVERYDAY?


Ha ha
YOU'RE SO RIGHT—
Kyahaha
JERK—
WHAT WAS THAT?

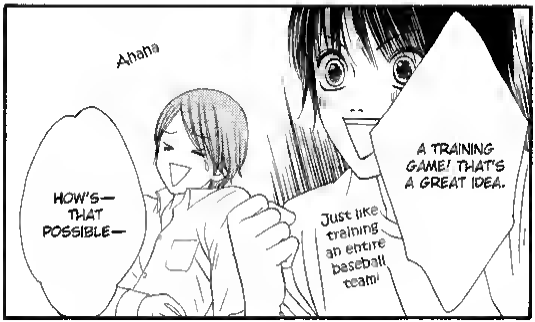

YO, DON'T MIND HIM, OKAY?
THAT GUY GOT DUMPED BY YOSHIGIWA-SAN IN CLASS 2 RECENTLY.
AND ALSO, I HEARD THAT YOSHIGIWA-SAN LIKES YOU.
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT...
Besides, I don't know either of them...
Flying rumors.
Isn't that Called taking it out on others?



BUT, SOME THINGS WERE INDEED HAPPENING.


THEY WERE ALL
AT SUCH AN AGE.
ABOUT THE PERFECT JAPANESE LADY...
THEY REALLY DON'T EXIST ANYWHERE ELSE OTHER THAN IN THE IMAGINARY WORLD...
...WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WELL— YOU KNOW, TODAY,
THE CAKES THAT SOME GIRLS GAVE ME FROM HOME EC CLASS TASTED QUITE UNIQUE
EVEN IF I KNEW THAT THEY'VE TRIED THEIR BEST TO MAKE IT, I'M SORRY.
WHAT YO MAKES IS DEFINITELY A LOT BETTER THAN WHAT THEY'VE MADE


INEXPRESSIBLE IN DRAWING.
If even you were scared, then she must've been pretty tops
I'VE EVEN SEEN GIRLS WITH SUCH DIRTY ROOMS THAT I WAS SCARED
ON TOP OF THAT THEY DON'T EVEN CARE WHEN THEIR UNDERPANTS ARE SHOWING
WE WERE JUST CHATTING ABOUT HOW THE GIRLS NOWADAYS SPEAK VERY DIRECTLY AND ROUGHLY
YUP
HENCE, THE PERFECT JAPANESE LADY?
BUT THEY ARE REALLY INCREASING. IT'S REALLY A BIT SCARY
OF COURSE I KNOW THAT NOT ALL OF THEM ARE LIKE THAT.
THINKS LIKE AN OLD MAN ALREADY
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S BECOMING OF JAPAN'S FUTURE.
MY DREAM IS TO MARRY A WIFE WHO KNOWS HOW TO COOK.
THEN—YOU SHOULD JUST TRAIN ONE YOURSELVES
Train a perfect Japanese lady


Ahaha
HOW'S— THAT POSSIBLE—
Just like training an entire baseball team!
A TRAINING GAME! THAT'S A GREAT IDEA.


I—HAVE ALREADY— SAID—
SOU, YOU HAVE YUME ALREADY!


Changing the subject
EH?
OH—YEAH! SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT MIZUKI, YO?


3


I haven't heard anything from your brother!!
Serious?!
Eh?!
Why, Why?!
...AH— ACTUALLY, THE TRUTH IS...
WE'VE BROKEN UP ALREADY...
NOTHING— ...IT'S JUST THAT THOSE GIFT ATTACKS WERE A LITTLE TOO MUCH...
M-HM... THAT WAS REALLY A LITTLE... TOO MUCH PRESSURE...
It's far from what I've imagined how middle school relationships go.
Those of us who got to "at the thirds shrink" it was pretty good too...
It was really interesting from the sidelines though...
Top M-stu- ke best...
THIS KIND OF SITUATION IS REALLY DIFFICULT...
YOU GUYS ARE REALLY AMAZING. YOU'RE EXTREMELY POPULAR AND KNOW HOW TO CALM GIRLS DOWN.


...I TOLD MIZUKI, "LET'S END IT HERE"...
IN THE END, I MADE HER CRY...
DID I DO GOOD?
WAS WHAT I DID RIGHT?
...WHAT DO YOU THINK?


YOS...YOS ACTUALLY ASKING US FOR ADVICE...!!
Let me get my act back together.
...U—M...
YO, DIDN'T YOU THINK ABOUT IT CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU DECIDED?
THEN, YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT IT SO MUCH.


IF ONE SIDE HAS TO PUT UP WITH SOMETHING,
I DON'T THINK THAT THE RELATIONSHIP IS QUITE RIGHT.
Phew
...I SEE.
—SO, IN THE END,
HOW FAR DID YOU AND MIZUKI GO?!
WHAT...


That's not any of your Business!
No, you're wrong there. It's serious Business to us!
Own up=
THEY'LL
BE SHARING A LOT OF FUTURE TOGETHER.


IT'S ALL WAITING FOR THEM.
WHETHER IT'S THE GOOD OR THE BAD.
DI-NG
DO-NG
2 - 3
THAT STUPID BROTHER OF MINE ACTUALLY FORGOT HIS LUNCHBOX..
I'll need to drop it off for him.
SOMETHING'S COME UP! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK
WHAT'S THAT? YO, AREN'T YOU GOING TO EAT?


WHAT'S THIS—?
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING THAT HOME MADE LUNCHBOX—?
WHAT'S IN THAT LUNCHBOX TODAY—?
COME ON, SHOW US—
DOES THIS GANG ONLY KNOW HOW TO BULLY PEOPLE?
BORING.


WHAM!
FLOP


I'M TALKING TO YOU. DO YOU HEAR?!


...DON'T USE YOUR FILTHY FEET


GET
TO TOUCH IT!
!
...WH...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? DAMN IT——!!


BAM!
HURTS.
CRAP...
THEY'VE GOT TOO MANY PEOPLE...
OW...
BASH


HEY...WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU ALL DOING...
WH...WHO ARE YOU. . LET GO.
DON'T EVEN THINK OF IT.
...KOU...?
EH?
HE...HE'S KOU IRINAKA FROM THIRD YEAR
EHH?! ISN'T HE THE ONE I HEARD WHO'S NOT NORMAL IN MANY WAYS ..?!


..YUP
YO...THE THING THAT'S TUMBLED OVER THERE COULDN'T BE MY LUNCHBOX, COULD IT?
...I WAS ONLY ON MY WAY HERE TO PICK UP MY LUNCHBOX
INSTEAD, I FOUND MY BELOVED LITTLE BROTHER BEING BEATEN UP AND MY LUNCHBOX THIS WAY TOO...
...FOR ME—!
THE THING I ANTICIPATE MOST EVERY DAY WHILE COMING TO SCHOOL IS TO EAT THIS LUNCHBOX!


Hate sprouted from food is scary after all
H...HEY, KOU...STOP WHILE YOU CAN. THEY'LL DIE...
CRUSH
DO YOU GUYS HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE THE ONE JOY OF MY LIFE AWAY?! HUH?! YOU DON'T, DO YOU!!
AND, ALSO!
THIS LUNCHBOX IS MADE BY THIS GUY HERE PUTTING HIS EFFORTS EARLY EVERY MORNING AND HE EVEN GAVE UP HIS FAVORITE CLUB ACTIVITY TO MAKE IT!


ABSOLUTELY NOT!!
DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE FUN OF HIM,
OR DESTROY THE LUNCHBOX?!
I'M COMIING!!
KOU, WATCH OUT...
?!

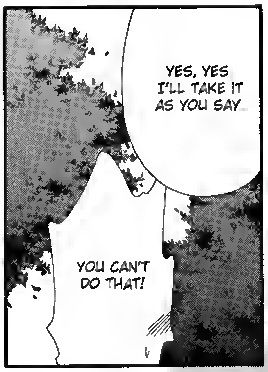
WHAM
KYAH—!!
DAMN IT...
WHAT'S THAT?!
THERE'S A MONKEY UP THERE!
THIS MONKEY IS THE SUPER MONKEY KING!!
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT—?!


I'M A PERSON THAT WILL RESORT TO ALL MEANS TO GET WHAT I WANT..
WOT?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH A BASEBALL BAT?!
I know Karate too ♥
ALRIGHT, WHO'S NEXT?
Please forgive us~~~~!!
Kyah~
YOU KNOW,
YOU WERE HURTING OUR PRECIOUS LITTLE BROTHER JUST NOW.
CRUM
HUH?
DO YOU NEED TO GO THAT FAR?!
...W WHY...
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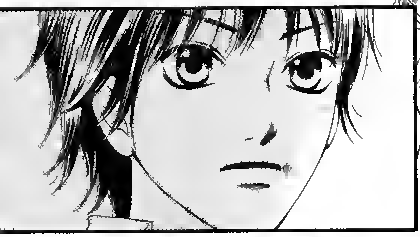

THAT BIT OF PUNISH-MENT
IS FAR FROM ENOUGH.


HONESTLY...
Princess's Office
WHAT WERE YOU ALL DOING?!
ALL OF YOU ARE ABOUT TO GET READY TO GRADUATE ALBEIT ONE!
AT SUCH A CRITICAL MOMENT... WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO DO IF YOU GET INTO BIG TROUBLE?!
AND, ALSO,
WHY IS SEIRYOU HERE TOO? HOW DID IT END UP LIKE THIS...
BUT, SENSEI!


ABSOLUTE INSISTENCE OF BEING ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF JUSTICE.
IT'S ALL THEIR FAULT.
I ONLY DID WHAT I HAD TO DO BECAUSE THEY WERE UNFORGIVEABLE.
IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG WITH WHAT I DID?
This is his diplomatic skill!
Uh
Even if I know you are right, but?!
Well
YOU KNOW— SOU IS REALLY USEFUL—
Haaa
I'VE FINALLY MADE MY CONTRIBUTION, RIGHT?
Not guilty and released
WELL— THOSE GUYS WON'T BE DOING THAT AGAIN AFTER BEING ROUGHED UP THIS TIME.
SERIOUSLY— YOU ACTUALLY GOT CORNERED BY THOSE BASTARDS AREN'T YOU A BIT LAME—
NA—H .. I DON'T GET YOU— I COULD'VE TAKEN UP THOSE HOOLIGANS ON MY OWN.


YES, YES I'LL TAKE IT AS YOU SAY
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!


WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU WERE ABOUT TO BE SQUISHED
TH-THAT'S BECAUSE...THEY HAD A LITTLE MORE PEOPLE...
EXACTLY, YUP




I think that's called assault
That's called self-defense
I think it is a bit much
Well—Don't you think Hana's baseball bat was a bit too much?


..I SAY,


OH, SHOOT! I HAVE MUSIC NEXT!
HM? IS THAT THE BELL FOR CLASS?
DING DONG


UM..
A..ABOUT HELPING ME OUT JUST NOW.
THANK YOU.


...AH, AHH...
YO ALWAYS KNOWS WHEN TO PICK THE BEST TIME...!
I LIVE WITH HIM EVERY DAY—!
I WANT ONE! I WANT A LITTLE BROTHER TOO!
WHAT A BUNCH OF NATURAL MASOCHISTS..
Envy me!
...I JUST FEEL THAT
I REALLY WISH YO WILL HAVE HAPPINESS
M-HM. M-HM. HE SHOULD HAVE A LOVELY GIRLFRIEND.
I'm not saying that Mizuki isn't lovely.
WHY DON'T WE HELP HIM FIND ONE?
GOOD IDEA—! WHAT KIND OF GIRL—
HM— SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS YO AND SUPPORTS HIM—
SHE HAS TO BE VERY CONSIDERATE
OF COURSE SHE'S GOT TO BE CUTE TOO.


AND,
A GOOD, HONEST GIRL
SHE HAS TO BE LIKE YO.
THAT'S HOW,
THROUGH THUNDER AND STORM,
EVERYONE EXCEPT YO GRADUATED FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL
You have to tell your brothers if you get bullied
Alright alright Just beat it will you?
THEY'VE ALL SAFELY ENTERED INTO HIGH SCHOOL TOO
Ohh—You look good in Keimei's uniform—
This all-black uniform matches your evil character
You're not bad yourselves— You'll be killing all the girls


WHAT CLUBS WILL YOU BE JOINING? WATARU, ARE YOU GOING TO CARRY ON WITH THE TRACK TEAM?
HM—COULD DO—BUT I WANT TO DO PART-TIME AND I ALSO WANT TO PLAY IN A BAND—
WHAT ABOUT YOU, HANA?
GOING HOME CLUB
Thou-uhm so...
SOU, YOU'LL BE GOING FOR THE STUDENT COUNCIL AGAIN, WON'T YOU?
M-HM, THAT'S WHAT I PLANNED
I REALLY DON'T GET YOU— THAT'S SO MUCH HASSLE
BUT—THAT'S WHY I'M THINKING WHAT I SHOULD DO WITH CLUB ACTIVITIES
AH—
ISN'T IT JUST—
From my middle school experience, doing both is too hard.
IS IT? BUT RULING A BUNCH OF PEOPLE IS REALLY INTERESTING!
GLINTING EYES
IT DOES SUIT YOU
I DO WISH THAT I HAVE SOMEWHERE I CAN VEGETATE THOUGH
YUP, YUP.
THE BEST WILL BE SOMEWHERE WE CAN MESS AROUND AND RELAX.
Feels like being a high schooler


patter patter...
LISTEN, LISTEN! I HEARD SOMETHING REALLY INTERESTING!
WHAT?
THE HOME EC CLUB HERE HASN'T GOT ANY MEMBERS RIGHT NOW!
...HOME EC CLUB...?
AT THIS MOMENT, A CERTAIN THOUGHT GREW IN THEIR HEARTS.


A year later
IF YO JOINS US, WE'LL HAVE MORE DEPTH TO EXPAND
GIVE IT UP.
It's too late for you to be joining a sports club in high school
COME ON, COME ON.
A LOT OF SPORTS CLUBS CAME TO SCOUT ME!
WHY DO I HAVE TO JOIN IN SOME WEIRD CLUB YOU GUYS HAVE STARTED?!
THEY ALSO STARTED PUTTING IT INTO ACTION.
NO WAY!
AFTER THE CHANGE OF SEASONS,
NO WAYyy~...
AND AFTER MEETING EACH OTHER,


A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED.
THE PUZZLE IS NOW COMPLETE.
gasp
SENPAI.
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHY WERE YOU SPACING OUT?


...
NOTHING.
I JUST NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT
IT COULD HAVE TURNED OUT TO BE SO IDEAL
JUST A LITTLE SURPRISED
EH? WHAT'S THAT?
...NOTHING
EVEN IF
THE PATHS WE WILL LEAD IN THE FUTURE WILL NO LONGER INTERSECT,


That's really strange—
Just the same as usual.
THIS SCENE
WON'T EVER CHANGE.
ALTHOUGH IT'S AN UNFOUND OBSERVATION,
JUST LOOKING AT THEM TOGETHER.



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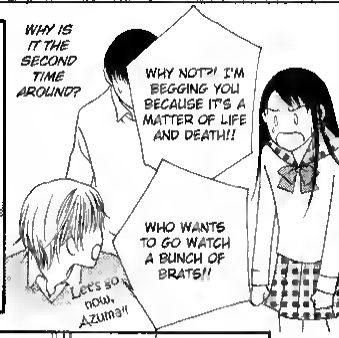


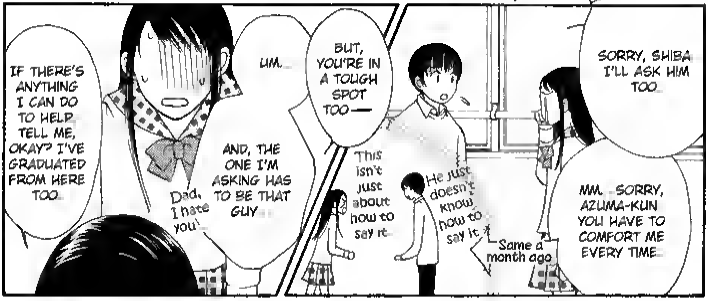


Private Shibaura Boys' Team


I, MIO SHIBAURA,
AM IN THE PROCESS OF CONFESSING MY LOVE TO DAMON NAKAHARA SECOND TIME AROUND.
NO CAN DO.
PLEASE! I BEG YOU!! JUST SAY YES.


GA—N
I CAN'T DEAL WITH CHATTY GIRLS.
THAT'S BECAUSE, I WAS DUMPED BY HIM A MONTH AGO.
AH— GIVE ME A BREAK— DAMON IS REALLY BAD AT EXPRESSING HIMSELF—
Ahhh I really don't want to remember that


WHY IS IT THE SECOND TIME AROUND?
WHY NOT?! I'M BEGGING YOU BECAUSE IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!!
WHO WANTS TO GO WATCH A BUNCH OF BRATS!!
Let's go now, Azuma!


IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP, TELL ME, OKAY? I'VE GRADUATED FROM HERE TOO.
Dad, I hate you
UM...
AND, THE ONE I'M ASKING HAS TO BE THAT GUY
BUT, YOU'RE IN A TOUGH SPOT TOO—
This isn't just about how to say it
He just doesn't know how to say it
Same a month ago
SORRY, SHIBA I'LL ASK HIM TOO.
MM. SORRY, AZUMA-KUN YOU HAVE TO COMFORT ME EVERY TIME.


—ALL THIS STARTED A FEW DAYS AGO...
MIO...
THANKS.
AZUMA-KUN IS SO NICE
*CLANG!
EHH?!
SHIBAURA MIGHT BE DISBANDING
SHIBAURA SOCCER CLUB
IS A TEAM OF 4TH—6TH GRADE BOYS GATHERED TOGETHER BY MY SOCCER LOVING DAD
...BY THE WAY, IT'S ALSO AN EXTREMELY WEAK TEAM THAT'S NOT WON A SINGLE GAME FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS
TODAY, DAD... YOUR GRANDDAD ASKED ME OVER...


SOUICHI-KUN,
I CAN'T KEEP SPONSORING A TEAM WITH NO CONTRIBUTION TO BE HONEST.
BUT DAD ..NO, I MEAN CHAIRMAN!
I KNOW THIS IS THE BELOVED TEAM YOU AND MIYA BROUGHT TOGETHER,
BUT SINCE MIYA'S NO LONGER AROUND ..
IT'S NOT REALLY MY RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP YOU OUT — !
It's good enough you're a president at such a young age already!!
YOU'RE BEING SERIOUSLY HEARTLESS, DAD!!
YOU HAVE TO ADDRESS ME AS THE CHAIRMAN AT WORK!!
GRANDDAD REALLY HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL ..
He's already at such a ripe age and yet he—
THAT'S NOW IT WAS FORCED ONTO ME ...
THEN, DOES THAT REALLY MEAN THE CLUB HAS TO BE DISBANDED?
NO, THAT'S WOULD BE TOO MEAN, SO THERE IS ONE CONDITION
WHAT?
END


Give me proof that my sponsorship hasn't gone to waste
If you lose, disband immediately!
WE HAVE TO WIN AT LEAST ONE GAME IN THE TOURNAMENT THREE MONTHS LATER.
OOH!! THAT SHOULD BE ALRIGHT THEN!
WE HAVE TO FIND A COACH FIRST...
TS, AH!
AH, TRUE...
BUT I COMPLETELY FORGOT THAT COACH KAWAKAMI QUIT THIS MORNING?
—THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT AS WELL,
THERE IS ONE CELEBRITY IN YOUR CLASS!!
Eh?
WHO'S THAT IN THE NATIONALS WHEN YOU'RE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL... WAS IT NAKAHARA-KUN?
NO, THAT'S A BIT...
DAMON NAKAHARA HAD LED AN UNKNOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM INTO THE NATIONALS. HE'S KIND OF LIKE A CELEBRITY AROUND HERE.
IT'S BEEN SAID THAT REGIONAL YOUTH TEAMS HAVE BEEN SCOUTING HIM.
AND BECAUSE HE IS BOTH GOOD LOOKING AND GOOD AT SOCCER, GIRLS CAN'T KEEP THEIR HANDS OFF HIM.
ON TOP OF THAT, I'M ONE OF THOSE GIRLS.
SO THEN, IT'S DECIDED THAT WE SHOULD ASK HIM FOR HELP! I'LL LEAVE THAT TO YOU THEN!
NO WAY!!
WHY?!
N...NO REASON..
I CAN'T SAY WHY! 'BECAUSE, HE DUMPED ME'!!
...THAT WAS A MONTH AGO THOUGH.


AFTER ALL THAT,
So Annoying.
I HAVE TO LAND MYSELF INTO THIS MESS...
HONESTLY SPEAKING, THE PAIN OF BEING DUMPED CAN'T POSSIBLY HAVE GONE AWAY IN A MONTH
Why are you being so difficult?
IT'S DECIDED THEN! THE FATE OF THE SOCCER TEAM DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU!!
HA HA HA!
IF I HAD ANYONE ELSE I COULD ASK, I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO ASK YOU AT ALL!!
DAMON, WHAT ARE YOU DOING—? PRACTICE HAS STARTED!
AH, I'M COMING RIGHT NOW...
Darn it—
IF I HAD KNOWN THAT HE'S SUCH AN AWFUL PERSON I WOULDN'T HAVE CONFESSED TO HIM...
Cool and calm girls.
IT'S NOT MY FAULT THAT I HAVE TO RESORT TO STALKING...
Given up on herself
Nakahara-kun—!
WAAH


HE REALLY IS GREAT AT SOCCER THOUGH—
SHOOBAM
WOW!


I REALLY WANT OUR TEAM TO SEE HOW HE PLAYS
I know they'd get really excited—
AH——
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
HOW DID HE KICK IT TO MAKE IT CURVE LIKE THAT...
BAURA SOCCER CLUB
HEY—MIO, WHEN IS THE NEW COACH COMING?
...AH—I'M SORRY. IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE WHILE LONGER. WE'RE STILL DISCUSSING THE TERMS.
WHO IS IT? IS HE GOOD?
AH, I KNOW WHO IT'S DAMON NAKAHARA, ISN'T IT?!
EH? THAT NAKAHARA?! OH MY GOODNESS—!
really can't wait—
Ahhh My stupid dad
MIO.
Completely cornered...


ISN'T DAMON NAKAHARA THE ONE WHO DUMPED YOU?
DOESN'T THAT BOTHER YOU?
AH— STOP IT— QUIT BRINGING THAT UP!!
I'm trying very hard to forget about it already!
HM? WHAT IS IT, YUMA?
THIS BOY IS YUMA ISHIKAWA WHOSE HOUSE IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM MINE
Sixth grader
IT'S FINE. DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.
I'M FINE
...YOU WON'T LIE TO ME, WILL YOU...
I'LL DRAG HIM KICKING AND SCREAMING IF I HAVE TO —
FOR THE SAKE OF THESE CHILDREN,
THAT'S WHY I SAID ALREADY! IF THE TEAM CARRIES ON LIKE THIS, IT'LL BE DISBANDED!!
OH, ISN'T YOUR DAD ON OVERTIME TODAY? WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER FOR DINNER?
MAY I?!
Yip-peer
It's geew.
What is on today?
YUMA'S PARENTS ARE DIVORCED. HE'S CURRENTLY LIVING WITH HIS DAD, SO HE COMES TO MY HOUSE TO EAT SOMETIMES
I TREAT HIM AS IF HE'S MY LITTLE BROTHER


I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE FOR LUNCH?
THAT'S RIGHT.
Is that bad?
RIP
HEY
WHAT?!!
AND, I HAVE TO HELP OUT AT HOME AS WELL —
YOU KNOW, I'M BUSY WITH MY OWN CLUB ACTIVITIES, TOO
Who're you calling scrooge?!
THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!
IS IT GOING TO KILL YOU IF YOU HELP? SCROOGE!!


Minds a lot.
GASP
...I'VE MESSED UP! I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK AND I WENT AND RUBBED HIM THE WRONG WAY

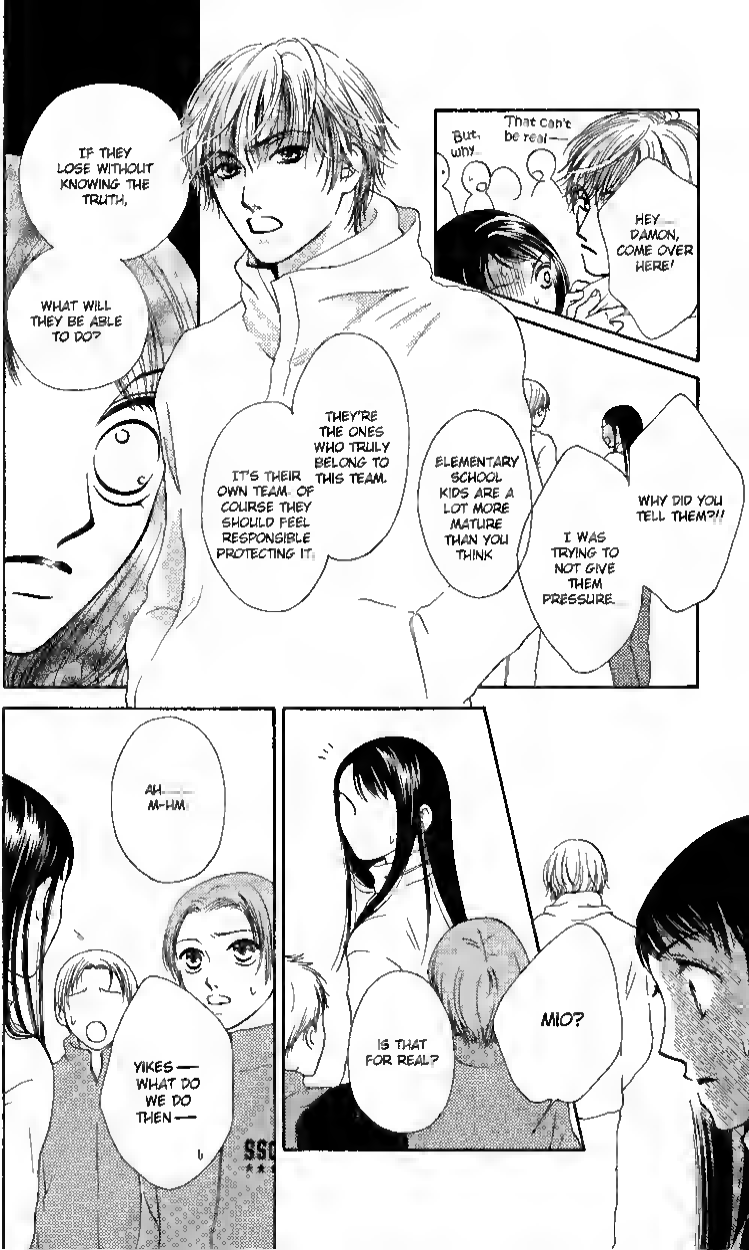

Like this.
IT'S BAD FOR YOU. YOU'RE STILL GROWING— HOW CAN YOU GROW LIKE THIS..
AH!
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE ALWAYS SENT FLYING WHEN SOMEONE BUMPS INTO YOU!
!


REALLY?!
YEAH...
But...
HOW ABOUT THIS—, IF YOU CAN TREAT ME TO A SET S EVERY DAY, I'LL CONSIDER IT...
Set S – the most expensive set meal in the canteen.
...ANYWAY, I'M NOT GROWING PROPERLY NOR HAVE I GOT STAMINA...
Uh


You said it!
Eh?
KONG!
OW
CANTEEN
WHOA — SET 5 EVERY DAY UNTIL THE TOURNAMENT...
DON'T YOU THINK 800 YEN A DAY IS A LOT TO PAY OUT?
IT'S CHEAP CONSIDERING I GET TO BUY DAMON'S BODY FOR THAT PRICE
DON'T MAKE IT SOUND SO GROSS!
Wah— Damon-kun—
OH, NO N-NAKAHARA KUN..
JUST DAMON IS FINE!!
Don't think that I didn't hear you
YOU'RE COMING ON THE DAYS WHEN YOU HAVEN'T GOT ANY CLUB ACTIVITIES
TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND EVERY 3RD SUNDAY


AH—DON'T TELL THEM THE TEAM IS ABOUT TO BE DISBANDED, OKAY?
I DON'T WANT TO WORRY THEM.
EVERY-THING IS GOING TO BE FINE AS LONG AS WE WIN
WHY NOT?
. H—M.
AH—TODAY IS THE FIRST TIME YOU GET TO MEET THE PLAYERS. I'M SO EXCITED
I wonder why
DDDDASH...
THEY'LL USUALLY RUN 5 LAPS BEFORE PRACTICE...
WHY, YUMA? YOU'RE EARLY TODAY—
THIS IS THE CHANGING ROOM
THIS DOOR LEADS DIRECTLY ONTO THE PITCH
HANG ON! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING—?!!
I JUST WANTED A LITTLE PAYBACK
NO! YOU DON'T HAVE TO
!!
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O—KAY, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU
HE IS COACH DAMON NAKAHARA WHO'LL BE HELPING YOU OUT FROM TODAY
Let's give him an applause
WOH
LET'S LISTEN TO WHAT THE COACH HAS TO SAY!
Quit pullin' my leg
IF YOU CAN'T MANAGE TO WIN EVEN ONE GAME IN THE REGIONALS IN 3 MONTHS TIME THIS TEAM WILL BE DISBANDED
SO, YOU BETTER TRY MORE THAN YOUR BEST
THAT'S IT
EHHH?!
...UM—
I'm sure she's doing it on purpose


IF THEY LOSE WITHOUT KNOWING THE TRUTH,
WHAT WILL THEY BE ABLE TO DO?
But, why...
That can't be real—
HEY— DAMON, COME OVER HERE!
THEY'RE THE ONES WHO TRULY BELONG TO THIS TEAM.
IT'S THEIR OWN TEAM. OF COURSE THEY SHOULD FEEL RESPONSIBLE PROTECTING IT.
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS ARE A LOT MORE MATURE THAN YOU THINK
WHY DID YOU TELL THEM?!!
I WAS TRYING TO NOT GIVE THEM PRESSURE...
AH— M-HM.
YIKES— WHAT DO WE DO THEN—
IS THAT FOR REAL?
MIO?


THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE I CAN PLAY SOCCER.
EXACTLY
BUT, ISN'T EVERYTHING FINE AS LONG AS WE WIN?
WE HAVEN'T EVER WON BEFORE, YOU KNOW?
We've still got some time left before the tournament
IF WE START PRACTICING RIGHT NOW, WE CAN...
ISN'T THAT WHY WE ASKED HIM FOR HELP?
THEY'RE THE ONES WHO TRULY BELONG TO THIS TEAM.
HE'S RIGHT.
THIS TEAM DOESN'T BELONG TO ME.
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW HARD I TRY TO PUSH THEM.
UNLESS EVERYONE PUSHES THEMSELVES H_RD...
Though it's a bit difficult to swallow...
WHAT HE SAID WAS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.


He's Shibaura's ace
OH, YOU MEAN HARUNA? YUP, YUP.
THAT TALLEST KID IS PRETTY GOOD...
HM—
Let's see...
HOW IS IT? DID YOU SEE ANYONE GOOD?
DID HE REALLY COME TO COACH US? HE HASN'T GIVEN US ANY INSTRUCTIONS YET
ISN'T HE CHECKING UP ON US?
It is his first...
THAT GUY'S NO BIGGIE HE'S ONLY A STUDENT HIMSELF.
He's only 3 or 4 years older than us
HOW CAN HE BE OUR COACH?
I think he's pretty mature
YOU THINK—
Ahaha
THAT'S BECAUSE HE DOESN'T LIKE LOSING —
HE'S GOT A LOT OF SPUNK EVEN IF HE DOESN'T STAND OUT MUCH
YUMA?
AND... THE KID WHO'S GOT THAT STUBBORN LOOK
GLANCE
TSK!
THEY'RE HAVING TOO MUCH FUN CHATTING
HEY, YUME


CHATTER
CHATTER
NTEEN
THIS IS JYONICHIROU HARUNA——
KENTA KOMINA IS OUR GOAL-KEEPER
CLAMP
AH——
WILL YOU BE—QUIET—? CAN YOU LET ME EAT IN PEACE?
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME AT ALL?!
WHACK!
Who do you think paid for your food?!!
You're the one who agreed to it!!
NOT ONLY SET S, BUT MY LUNCHBOX TOO——
YOU KNOW I'M STILL GROWING


Your mom is really good at cooking.
SHE'S OKAY.
IN ANY CASE, HURRY UP AND REMEMBER EVERYBODY'S NAME AND FACES!
?
Kids are really sensitive to things like that
Yeah, yeah.
Ah, I've got a coupon for burgers
Let's go grab some food after practice
OH THE COACH'S HERE ALREADY?
YOU'RE RIGHT
AT THAT DISTANCE... IS HE PRACTICING A FREE KICK?
WHAT IS HE DOING?


SWISH!!
SLAM
...A...
THAT CURVE BALL WAS UNBELIEVABLE!
mazing ——!! Did you see that?!
LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK!!
HEY! DO THAT AGAIN!!
HOW DO YOU KICK IT TO MAKE IT CURVE LIKE THAT?!
TEACH ME, TEACH ME!!
Oh, you kids are here
!!!


IT'S TRUE! IT CURVED!
It curved a little
ME, TOO! I WANT TO TRY TOO—
SEE? ISN'T DIFFICULT AT ALL
You kick the ball round about here
?!
WHAM
You knew?
Besides, she's the one who forced me
IT'S NOT MY FAULT THAT SHE HAS TO COME AND ASK ME
AFTER SAYING ALL THOSE THINGS TO MIO, HOW DARE YOU STILL COME HERE?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? YOU DID THE SAME LAST TIME.
HAVE YOU GOT A GRUDGE AGAINST ME OR SOMETHING?
You bet.

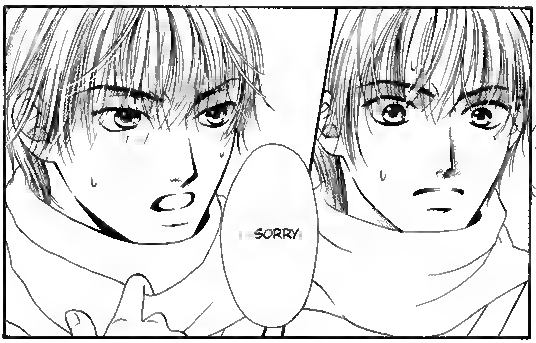

IF YOU HURT MIO AGAIN THIS TIME, I WON'T BE LETTING YOU OFF THIS EASY!
...AH, OH!
you like her.
I guess
Wh-Wh-Wh...!!
YOU SEE..
DON'T WORRY, BECAUSE I WON'T BE IN YOUR WAY.
..YOU SURE?!
Oh, you're brave.
Exactly!
YUP
RELAX, KIDDO.
STOP CALLING ME KIDDO.


MIO.
OH, DAD
I'm now!
DAMON LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOTTEN FRIENDLY WITH THE CHILDREN ALREADY.
Looks like they're having fun
OH,
THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE GETTING ALONG FINE.
Form into a triangle first, then
Damon, what next?
IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S BEFRIENDED DAMON.
EH? SIBLINGS?
THOSE WHO HAVE A LOT OF SIBLINGS KNOWS HOW TO TAKE CARE OF KIDS AFTER ALL.
I see
I'VE COME TO TAKE A LOOK DURING MY BREAK
WHAT'S WRONG?


WHY? DIDN'T YOU KNOW?
DAMON'S THE ELDEST HE STILL HAS 4 YOUNGER BROTHERS AND SISTERS
3 li'l brothers and 1 li'l sister
YUP, YUP
SO. BOTH DAMON'S MOM AND DAD ARE BUSY WORKING
...SO, THAT'S WHY HE ALWAYS HAS BREAD...
THERE WERE FREE MEALS ALL THE WAY UNTIL THE END OF MIDDLE SCHOOL BUT, NEITHER OF THEM HAS THE TIME TO MAKE DAMON'S LUNCHBOX EVER SINCE HE STARTED HIGH SCHOOL
BUT...
ARE YOU SURE...
I DON'T THINK HE'LL MIND
He has set $ to look forward to now (lol)
I told him his growth's stunted
AH— THEN, I REALLY DID MESS UP LAST TIME...
HE'S BUSY ENOUGH TAKING CARE OF HIS YOUNG SIBLINGS AND I HAD TO FORCE HIM TO COACH...
ALRIGHT
I'LL REPAY HIM WITH A GOOD LUNCH TOMORROW
WA...


WAH—
Sunday today.
OKAY— YOU HAVE AN HOUR'S LUNCH BREAK —
HEY, DAMON! I DON'T THINK YOU'VE BROUGHT A LUNCHBOX, HAVE YOU?
I'VE PACKED MY OWN LUNCH DO YOU WANT SOME?
Eh?! YOU MADE IT? IS IT EDIBLE?
HOW RUDE! OF COURSE IT'S EDIBLE. U
Why do I have to eat with him?
It's delicious.
Worship the ground I walk on
M-HMPH.


AH, I'LL GO GET SOME TEA
GOD
GOD
THE LUNCHBOX— DID SHE MAKE THEM?
YEAH— MIO HAS BEEN DOING ALL THE HOUSEWORK EVER SINCE HER MOM PASSED AWAY
UHN...
WHAT'S THAT? YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW?
'YOUR MOM IS REALLY GOOD AT COOKING'
'SHE'S OKAY'
...
SEE YOU— MIO
YOU'VE WORKED REALLY HARD. SEE YOU NEXT TUESDAY—
...SHIBAURA


SORRY


AH, DAMON. YOU'VE WORKED HARD!

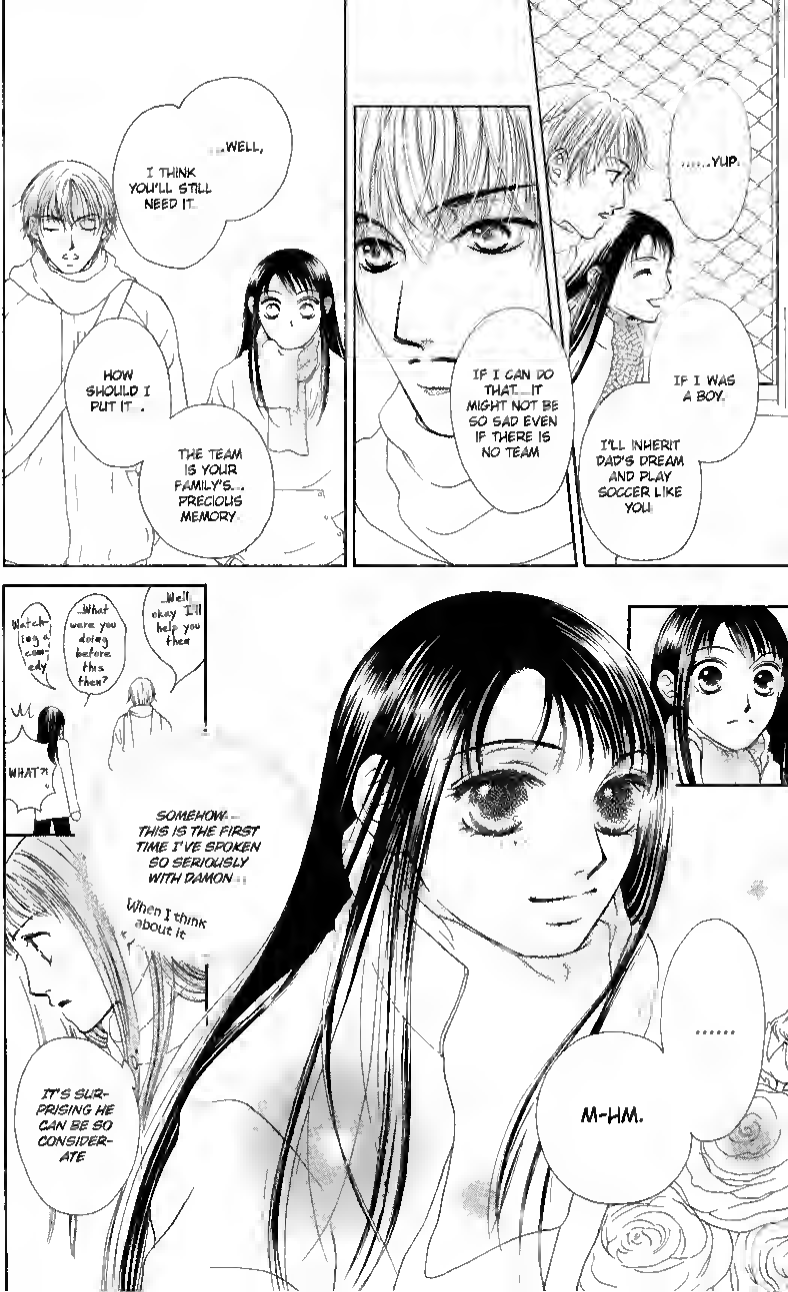

THEY'VE ALWAYS LOVED SOCCER.
BUT THEY SEEM TO ENJOY IT EVEN MORE AFTER YOU'VE COME
I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING AMAZING...


HEH? FOR WHAT?
NOTHING
?
?


THAT'S NOT TRUE
Ah, it's starting to snow


AH! WAIT, DAMON!
DON'T YOU LIVE NEAR THE STATION?
I HAVE TO DO MY FOOD SHOP OVER THERE LET'S GO TOGETHER.
Let me grab my purse

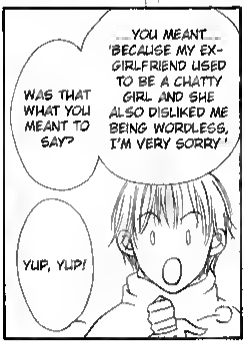

WHY DO YOU WANT TO KEEP THE TEAM SO BADLY?
HUFF
IT'D BE GREAT IF WE CAN WIN IN THE TRYOUTS WITH THIS SPIRIT——
.....
HE DIDN'T WANT TO QUIT SOCCER SO HE STARTED THIS TEAM
MY DAD LOVES TO PLAY SOCCER TOO BUT HE DAMAGED HIS KNEE IN COLLEGE
IF THE TEAM GETS DISBANDED... I'LL FEEL SAD TOO
I ALSO PLAYED SOCCER HERE WHEN I WAS YOUNG
IT'S JUST LIKE THEIR BABY
MOM ALSO KNEW HOW HEARTBROKEN DAD WAS BACK THEN, SO SHE PULLED OUT ALL STOPS TO HELP HIM


...WELL, I THINK YOU'LL STILL NEED IT.
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT...
THE TEAM IS YOUR FAMILY'S... PRECIOUS MEMORY.
.....YUP.
IF I WAS A BOY.
I'LL INHERIT DAD'S DREAM AND PLAY SOCCER LIKE YOU.
IF I CAN DO THAT...IT MIGHT NOT BE SO SAD EVEN IF THERE IS NO TEAM
...Well okay I'll help you then
...What were you doing before this then?
Watch tag a comedy
WHAT?!
SOMEHOW... THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SPOKEN SO SERIOUSLY WITH DAMON...
When I think about it
IT'S SURPRISING HE CAN BE SO CONSIDERATE
.....
M-HM.


SO THEN,
THREE MONTHS HAS GONE BY VERY QUICKLY SINCE THE DAY DAMON CAME TO HELP.
SIGH
IS THAT THE REASON WHY YOU'RE SO QUIET TODAY?
JUST THINKING ABOUT TOMORROW MAKES ME NERVOUS.
M-HM.
I can't help it...
NAH, I'M FINE.
TIRED?
WE'LL TRY OUR VERY BEST TOMORROW, MIO!
WE'VE FINALLY ARRIVED ON THE DAY BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT.
Saturday extra practice
THAT'S IT FOR TODAY'S PRACTICE THEN—
GO TO BED EARLY TODAY—
YES—SIR
Hmph
—YOU HATE CHATTY GIRLS ANYWAY.
YOU'RE NERVOUS TOO? IT CREEPS ME OUT WHEN YOU'RE BEING SO QUIET.
SPLIK
—THAT'S RIGHT...I DIDN'T ASK YOU BACK THEN WHY YOU CAN'T STAND NOISY GIRLS?
IT'S THE SAME
I DON'T 'HATE'! IT'S 'I CAN'T DEAL WITH IT'!
IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!!


I THINK I HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW!
HEY— HEY— WHY?!
AH— ALRIGHT— I GET IT. I'LL TELL YOU!!
...I HAD A GIRLFRIEND IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
SHE WAS A CHEERFUL AND CHATTY GIRL...
— BUT, TAKE A LOOK AT ME...

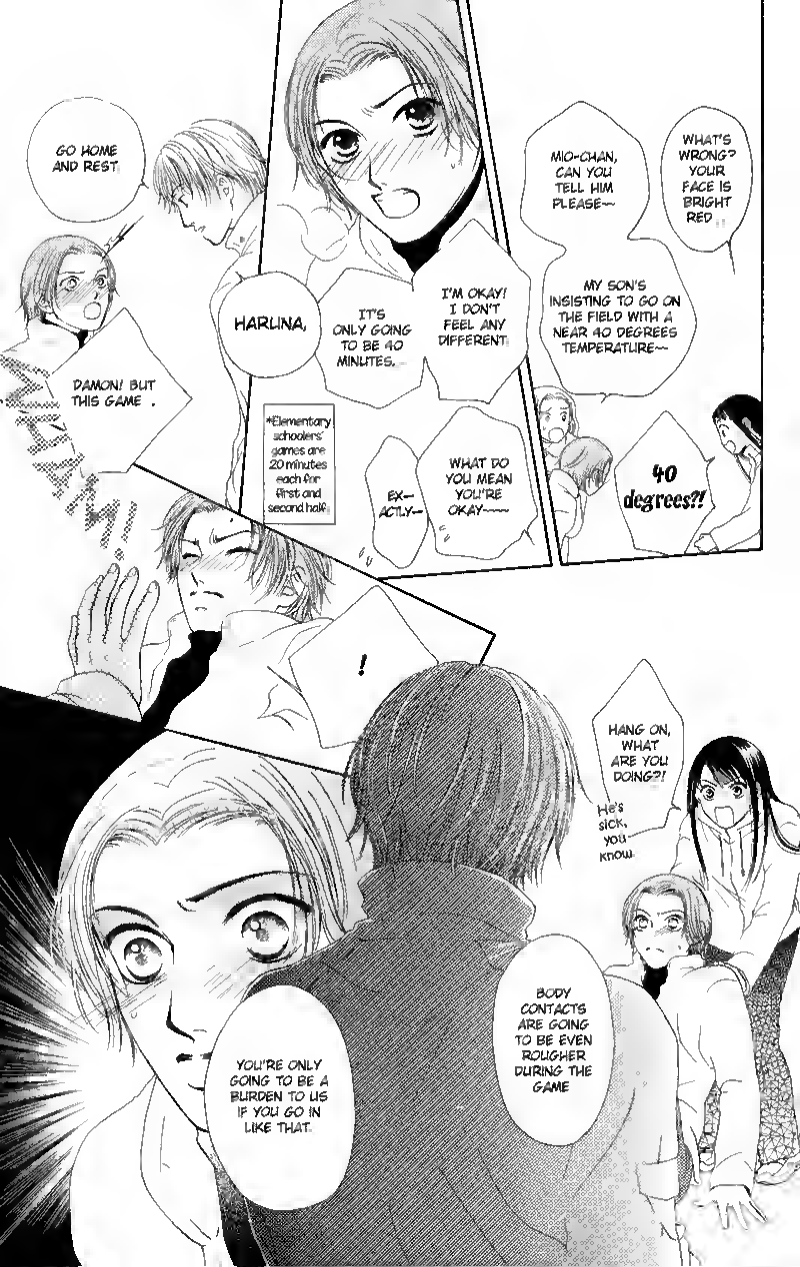

I believe that's the purpose of why Japanese lessons exist'
HEY... IF THAT REALLY WAS WHAT YOU MEANT... YOU REALLY NEED TO WORK HARDER ON YOUR JAPANESE LANGUAGE...
Blame it on me, why don't you?! I know my Japanese is crummy!!


...YOU MEANT... 'BECAUSE MY EX-GIRLFRIEND USED TO BE A CHATTY GIRL AND SHE ALSO DISLIKED ME BEING WORDLESS, I'M VERY SORRY'
WAS THAT WHAT YOU MEANT TO SAY?
YUP, YUP!


...SO I COULDN'T DEAL WITH IT AFTER THAT...
Ah, she also told me I was frightening


I THOUGHT I LIKED HIM WHEN ALL I DID WAS WATCHED HIM PLAY SOCCER
I DIDN'T KNOW HIM THAT WELL EITHER.
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HE HAD A SIDE LIKE THIS TO HIM
BESIDES... I DIDN'T KNOW YOU THAT WELL BACK THEN.
IT DIDN'T WORK OUT BECAUSE WE DIDN'T KNOW EACH OTHER BEFORE
THEN, WHAT ABOUT NOW?
DAMON, DO YOU KNOW ME BETTER NOW?
CAN'T DEAL WITH CRAZY CHICS
CAN'T DEAL WITH CRAZY CHICS
I REALLY DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO ASK HIM...
WHAT DOES HE THINK OF ME NOW


28th Annual Regional Boys' Soccer
THE DECISIVE DAY TO OUR FATE HAS FINALLY ARRIVED.
OH, DEAR— WHY ISN'T HARUNA HERE YET?
We should have met up before coming
HEY— SHIBA— DAMON—
S...SLOW DOWN, JYLIN!
WOW— THANKS—!!
AH! AZUMA-K..
WHY? EVERYONE?!
YO— SHIBA, IT'S BEEN AWHILE!
EH—WHY?!
I CALLED IN THE SOCCER ALUMNI
You can count us in as cheerleaders
...Haruna?!


GO HOME AND REST.
DAMON! BUT THIS GAME .
ピシャ!
HARUNA,
IT'S ONLY GOING TO BE 40 MINUTES.
I'M OKAY! I DON'T FEEL ANY DIFFERENT.
*Elementary schoolers' games are 20 minutes each for first and second half.
EX-ACTLY-
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE OKAY~~~~
MIO-CHAN, CAN YOU TELL HIM PLEASE~~
WHAT'S WRONG? YOUR FACE IS BRIGHT RED!!
MY SON'S INSISTING TO GO ON THE FIELD WITH A NEAR 40 DEGREES TEMPERATURE~~
40 degrees?!
!
HANG ON, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
He's sick, you know.
BODY CONTACTS ARE GOING TO BE EVEN ROUGHER DURING THE GAME
YOU'RE ONLY GOING TO BE A BURDEN TO US IF YOU GO IN LIKE THAT.


IT'S JUST THAT... I DON'T WANT THIS TEAM TO BE DISBANDED.
OH,
LEAVE THAT TO ME.
DAMON,
DO YOU GET THAT?
...BUT— ...HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO WIN WITHOUT HARUNA HERE?
YOU SAID IT—
WHO CAN PLAY FORWARD
LOOK, DON'T SAY THAT! YOU HAVE WORKED SO HARD UP TILL NOW.
Okay, ALL MEMBERS' CHANGE OF A-LIST
I WANT YUMA STANDING IN FOR HARUNA'S POSITION


KOICHI, YOU STAND IN FOR YUMA'S POSITION
Wh...
JUST DO WHAT YOU DID IN PRACTICE
IT'S GOING TO BE ALRIGHT
HEY! I CAN'T DO FORWARD
I've rarely been on offense before
YOU JUST NEED TO EVADE THE DEFENSE AND KICK THE BALL INTO THE GOAL
HOW EASY IS THAT?
THAT'S TRUE, BUT!
You're not making sense
I'M NOT AS GOOD AS HARUNA...
GRIP


MIO'LL BE WATCHING YOU.
IF YOU MADE A GOAL,
YOU'LL DO IT IF YOU'RE MAN ENOUGH
WON'T SHE THINK MORE HIGHLY OF YOU?
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
I'LL DO IT!
OKAY
LISTEN UP? TAKE OFFENSE WHEN YOU FIND THE CHANCE!
OH!


SHIBAURA SC
AMAGI FC
AH-AH-AH, THERE IT GOES...
The battle of fate
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WAH — THE OPPONENT SCORED FIRST...
SHIBAURA
AMAGI
RELAX THERE IS STILL TIME...


BESIDES, THEY'RE STILL STAYING CALM EVEN IF THEY'RE BEHIND
DON'T THEY LOOK DIFFERENT FROM USUAL?
...THAT MUST BE
BECAUSE OF WHAT DAMON SAID
IT'S GOING TO BE ALRIGHT.
BUT, EVERYONE TRUSTS WHAT HE SAID AND BELIEVES THAT IT'S GOING TO BE ALRIGHT
THAT WAS ALL HE HAD TO SAY.
...WHY IS THAT?
Is that the tenacious-ness of the eldest in the family
——EVEN IF WE CAUGHT UP WITH THE SCORE AFTERWARDS, WE COULDN'T GET AHEAD——...
...FIVE MINUTES LEFT...
It's nearing the end


I KNEW I COULN'T...
I'VE TRIED SO MANY TIMES AND I STILL CAN'T SCORE...
IT'S NOT GOING IN THOUGH.
YUMA'S BEEN TRYING TO SCORE...
ARGH——! PLEASE! JUST ONE MORE GOAL——
...WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WE'RE OUT OF TIME.
YUMA——!!


AMAGI
4
SHE'LL BE WATCHING YOU.
AMAGI
4
EEK!
Going through his legs
WHOA! NOT BAD! KIDDO
WHOA


NO WAY! HE BLOCKED IT——...
CHOP

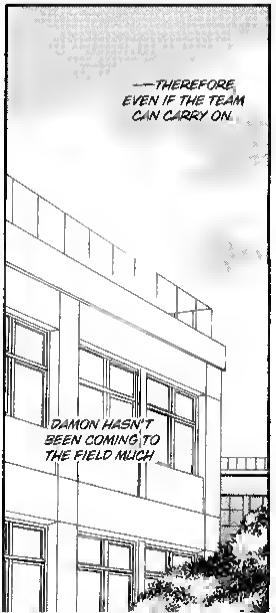

AAAHHHHHHHHH
BEEP
BEEP
AMAGI
IBAURA


HOORAY—!!
YOU WERE ALL SO AMAZING! WELL DONE—!!
YUMA!
THAT LAST GOAL WAS SO COOL!
Oh!!
You know,
YOUR BALL CONTROL IS SO LAME
IF THAT GOALIE DIDN'T TIP THE BALL, IT WOULDN'T HAVE GONE IN AT ALL.
SHUT UP, WHY DON'T YOU—.


—WE SURVIVED TILL EXTRA TIME IN THE NEXT GAME, BUT UNFORTUNATELY WE LOST 3-2
TRUE
WHO CARES AS LONG AS IT WENT IN!
SHIBAURA
7
Let's celebrate when we get back—!
Yay—!!
WELL— ALTHOUGH WE LOST TODAY, I STILL FEEL REALLY GREAT—
AND NULLED THE THREAT OF BEING DISBANDED
What? You've really won?
Plenty enough ♡
HOWEVER, WE DID WIN ONE GAME,
OH, THAT'S RIGHT
THANKS SO MUCH, DAMON!
I WAS RIGHT IN ASKING YOU TO COACH!
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OH

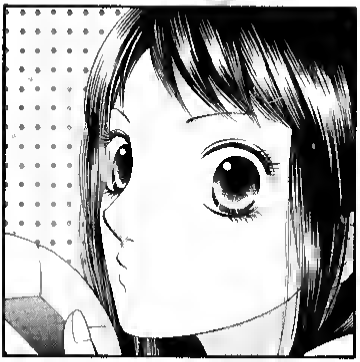

HEY, KIDDO
I TOLD YOU TO STOP CALLING ME KIDDO!!
I SAID THAT I WON'T INTERFERE WITH YOU PREVIOUSLY,
BUT I'VE CHANGED MY MIND
What's wrong?
Mom? Hel
What did you say?! You can't do that—!! You're too low, Damon!

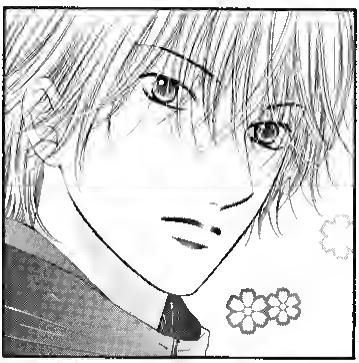

I THOUGHT HARD ABOUT WHAT I SHOULD DO.
AH — THERE YOU ARE.
You know it's really cold?


—THEREFORE, EVEN IF THE TEAM CAN CARRY ON.
DAMON HASN'T BEEN COMING TO THE FIELD MUCH


I'VE DECIDED
WHAT—ELSE? THE TIME FOR SET S IS OVER NOW
AH! YOU'RE EATING THAT AGAIN!
OH— I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.
DAMON THEY WERE ALL SAYING HOW LONELY IT IS WITHOUT YOU WHY DON'T YOU SHOW YOUR FACE SOME-TIME?
—I HAVE AN OFFER TO MAKE TO YOU.
I'LL TAKE IT
TO TRY AND CHALLENGE HIM 3RD TIME AROUND
TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO OUR TEAM,
WOULD YOU LIKE AN S LUNCHBOX?
Especially made for you

Private Shibaura Boys' Team/END







Shibaura Boys' Team

I just love how that sounds.

This was my second project. I thought— I'll scream "Kyah—!!" when I read it again, but I was surprised to find it amusing. The drawings were so weird though! I probably felt that nothing could be scary again since I had already included my first project in volume 2 (lol.)

I drew this story because I wanted a title that sounds like 'Nishiwada Teen Gang'. I was glued to soccer at that time as well, so that's how I completed this story.

The main character looks a little like Reo. That's purely coincidental... E-heh. The name is also 'Mio' and 'Reo'. 'Mio Shibaura' was my middle school classmate with an extra character. But when I use names I like for characters, it ends up sounding so similar. Even if that doesn't happen, I always forget and use the same names again.

Somebody come save my memory...

The credit goes to the supportive readers to this project.

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I hope chance will let us meet again in the future.

Miku Sakamoto

I'd like to thank all of you who has kept me company all the way in 'Nadeshiko Club' over here. This project is ending at the lucky number 7.

I have originally spent a little time planning the 1st and 2nd volumes' covers. I thought, "If only I could make it in exactly 7 volumes..." But, I didn't think it would come true. I'm really pleased with that.

I've drawn what I wanted to draw (and more) for the story. And the sidestories about 'who matches who with which personality...', I've pushed it all to completion. (They all had good endings too! Only manga can do that, don't you think?)

For my first series to be completed so contently and to experience a lot of first timers such as the CD, I really think I'm a lucky person!